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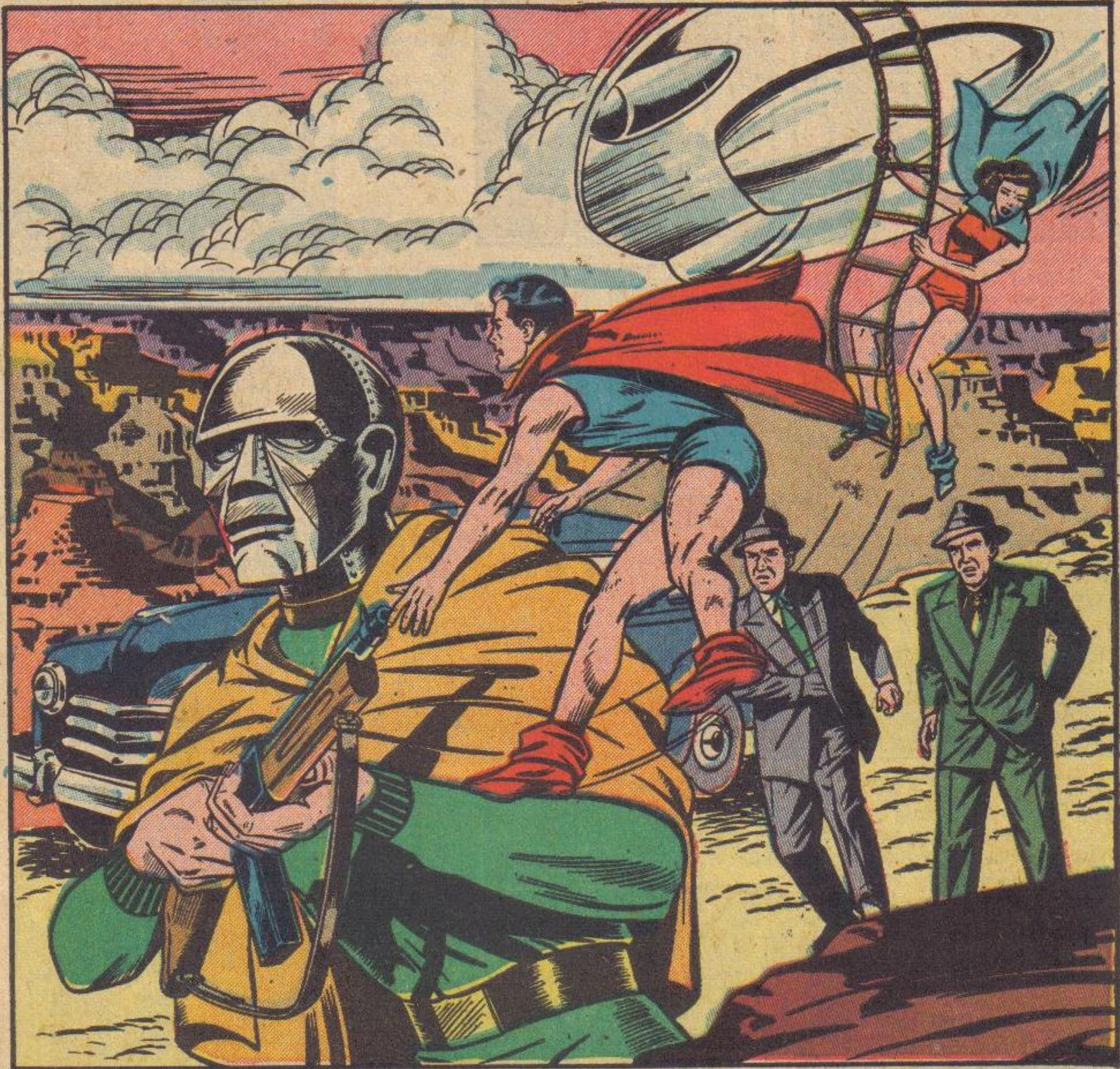




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BEHIND THE STONE WALLS OF THE KREMLIN, NO ONE DARED TO WHISPER HIS NAME! THE DREAD OGPU, MANY-TENTACLED AS AN OCTOPUS...AND AS DEADLY... COULD NOT FIND OUT HIS REAL IDENTITY! MANY OF THOSE WHO LOOKED AT HIS FACE DIED WITH THEIR SCREAM OF TERROR LOCKED IN THEIR THROATS! THIS IS **METAL FACE**, MASTER SPY OF THE CENTURY; THE MACABRE MASTER OF DOOM! **DOLL MAN** AND **DOLL GIRL**, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MITES, FIND THEMSELVES IN THE NET OF THE GREATEST ENEMY THE FREE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN WHEN THEY MEET...

*The Man With the **IRON FACE!***

DOLL MAN

BEHIND THE BROODING WALLS OF THE KREMLIN, GUARDS PATROL CEASELESSLY! THEY ARE ALERT AGAINST EVERY DANGER! AND YET...

H-HAVE YOU SEEN HIM, TOVARISCH?

N-NO! BUT HE SAID HE WILL BE HERE TONIGHT! AND SO HE SHALL!

HOW DOES HE GET INSIDE? NO STRANGER HAS EVER BEEN ALLOWED IN HERE WITHOUT A PERMIT! THERE ARE GUARDS AT EVERY ENTRANCE!

THE MAN WITH THE IRON FACE IS NOT AN ORDINARY MAN LIKE YOU AND ME! HE IS A MONSTER, SPAWNED IN HELL ITSELF!

MERE SUPER-STITION? PERHAPS... BUT EVEN THE SINISTER COUNCIL LEADERS WITHIN THE FORTRESS KNOW THE MEANING OF FEAR AS THEY AWAIT HIS COMING!

BONG! BONG! BONG!

IT IS THE HOUR! THE MAN WITH THE IRON FACE SAID HE WOULD BE HERE!

PERHAPS HE WILL BE LATE THIS TIME!

SUDDENLY, A RASPING, METALLIC VOICE CUTS THROUGH THE TENSION...

I AM NEVER LATE, GENTLEMEN!

ULP! IT-IT'S HIM!

WE KNEW THAT WE COULD DEPEND ON YOU, SIR! IT'S JUST THAT WE WONDERED... WITH THE GUARDS OUTSIDE... THE ENTRANCES AND EXITS SO CLOSELY WATCHED...

YOU WISH TO KNOW HOW I MANAGE TO KEEP MY APPOINTMENT? THAT IS ONE OF MY SECRETS, GENTLEMEN! AND I NEVER DIVULGE SECRETS!

NOW, TO BUSINESS! MY TIME IS VALUABLE! YOU WOULD NOT HAVE CALLED ME HERE UNLESS YOU HAD WORK FOR ME TO DO! A TASK BEYOND THE POWERS OF YOUR OWN STUPID SECRET SERVICE!

YOU ARE RIGHT... AS USUAL! WE HAVE RECEIVED WORD OF ALARMING SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES IN THE UNITED STATES! THREE INVENTIONS, IN PARTICULAR, WHICH MIGHT TIP THE BALANCE OF POWER AGAINST US!

I SEE! YOU WISH ME TO BRING THE PLANS FOR THESE INVENTIONS... TO YOU!

IT CAN BE DONE! AS ALWAYS, GENTLEMEN, IT IS A QUESTIONS OF PRICE! MY SERVICES DO NOT COME CHEAPLY!

WE ARE PREPARED TO PAY WHATEVER YOU ASK, SIR!



LATER, WHEN AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED, METAL FACE IS TAKEN TO A PRIVATE PROJECTION ROOM!

YOU HAVE SEEN PICTURES TAKEN OF THE VARIOUS SCENES YOU WILL VISIT, METAL FACE! BUT OUR GLORIOUS LEADER ASKS ME TO GIVE ONE FINAL DEMONSTRATION!

PROCEED!



ABRUPTLY, THE SCREEN LIGHTS UP WITH FLASHING FIGURES OF DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL IN ACTION!

THESE PICTURES WERE TAKEN BY ONE OF OUR AGENTS WHO WAS A MEMBER OF A SABOTAGE UNIT AT AN AMERICAN DEFENSE PLANT!

WHO ARE THE TINY FIGURES?



THEY ARE CALLED DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL! OUR AGENTS REPORT THAT THEY ARE THE MOST DANGEROUS OPPONENTS YOU WILL MEET ON YOUR MISSION! BEWARE OF THEM!

LET THEM BEWARE OF ME!



THEY APPEAR TO BE FORMIDABLE FIGHTERS! BUT THAT IS ONLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT YET MET... METAL FACE!



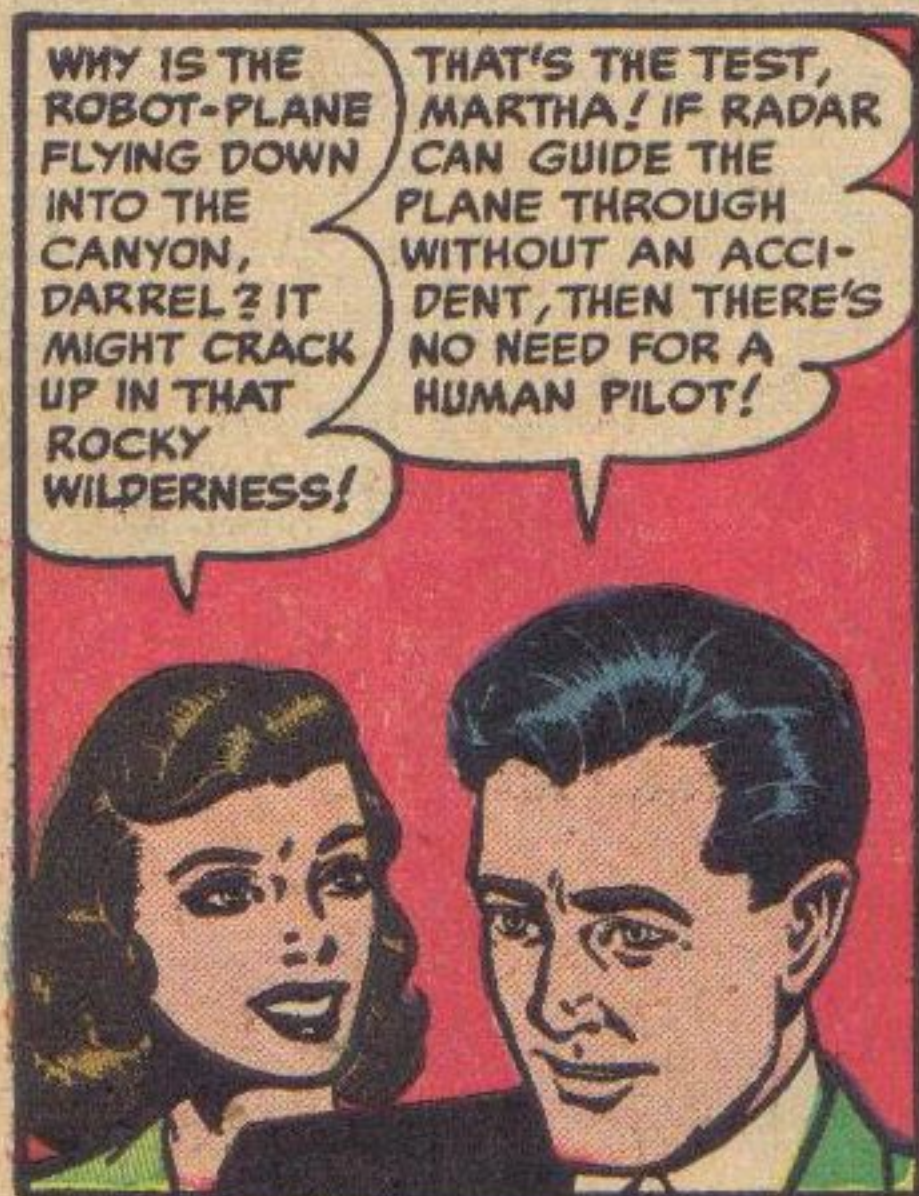
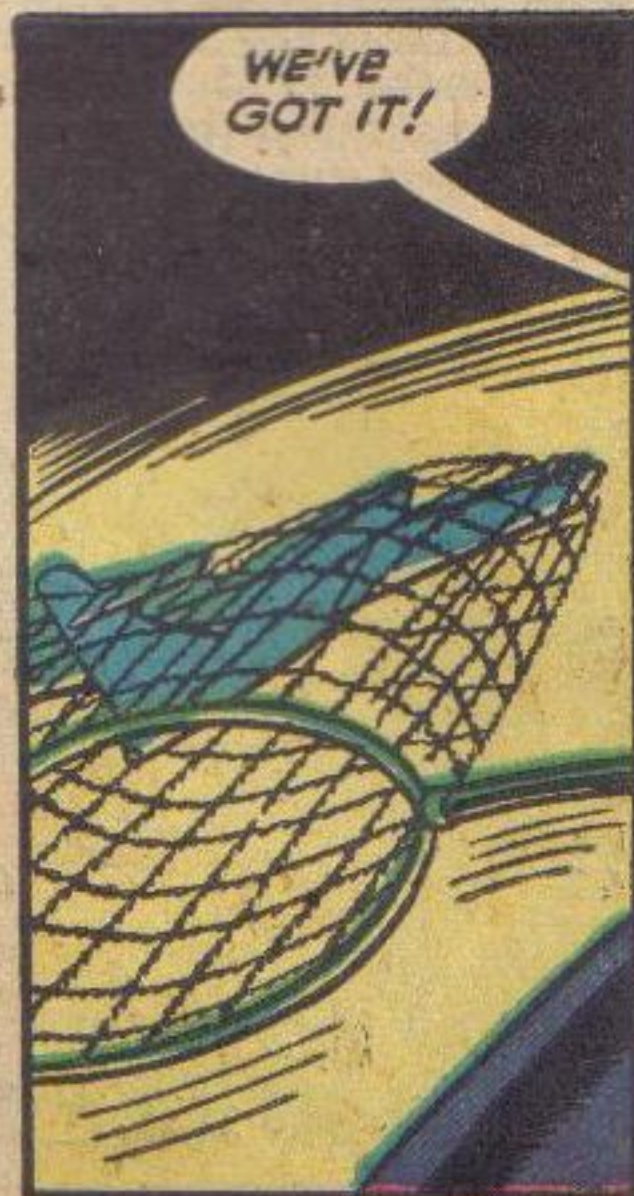
THERE IT GOES, GENTLEMEN! THE FIRST RADAR-GUIDED, ROBOT PLANE IN HISTORY!

SOME-TIME LATER, DARREL DANE AND MARTHA ROBERTS ARE WITH A PARTY OF SCIENTISTS AT THE LAUNCHING OF AN EPOCH-MAKING INVENTION...



DOLL MAN

DODGING IN AND OUT AS THOUGH IT HAD EYES, THE MODEL PLANE MEETS THE TEST SUPERBLY! THEN, AS IT PASSES NEAR THE RIM OF THE CANYON ---



WHY IS THE ROBOT-PLANE FLYING DOWN INTO THE CANYON, DARREL? IT MIGHT CRACK UP IN THAT ROCKY WILDERNESS!

THAT'S THE TEST, MARTHA! IF RADAR CAN GUIDE THE PLANE THROUGH WITHOUT AN ACCIDENT, THEN THERE'S NO NEED FOR A HUMAN PILOT!

STOP THEM, SOMEONE! THEY'RE STEALING THE ROBOT PLANE MODEL!

I GUESS IT'S UP TO US, NOW, MARTHA!

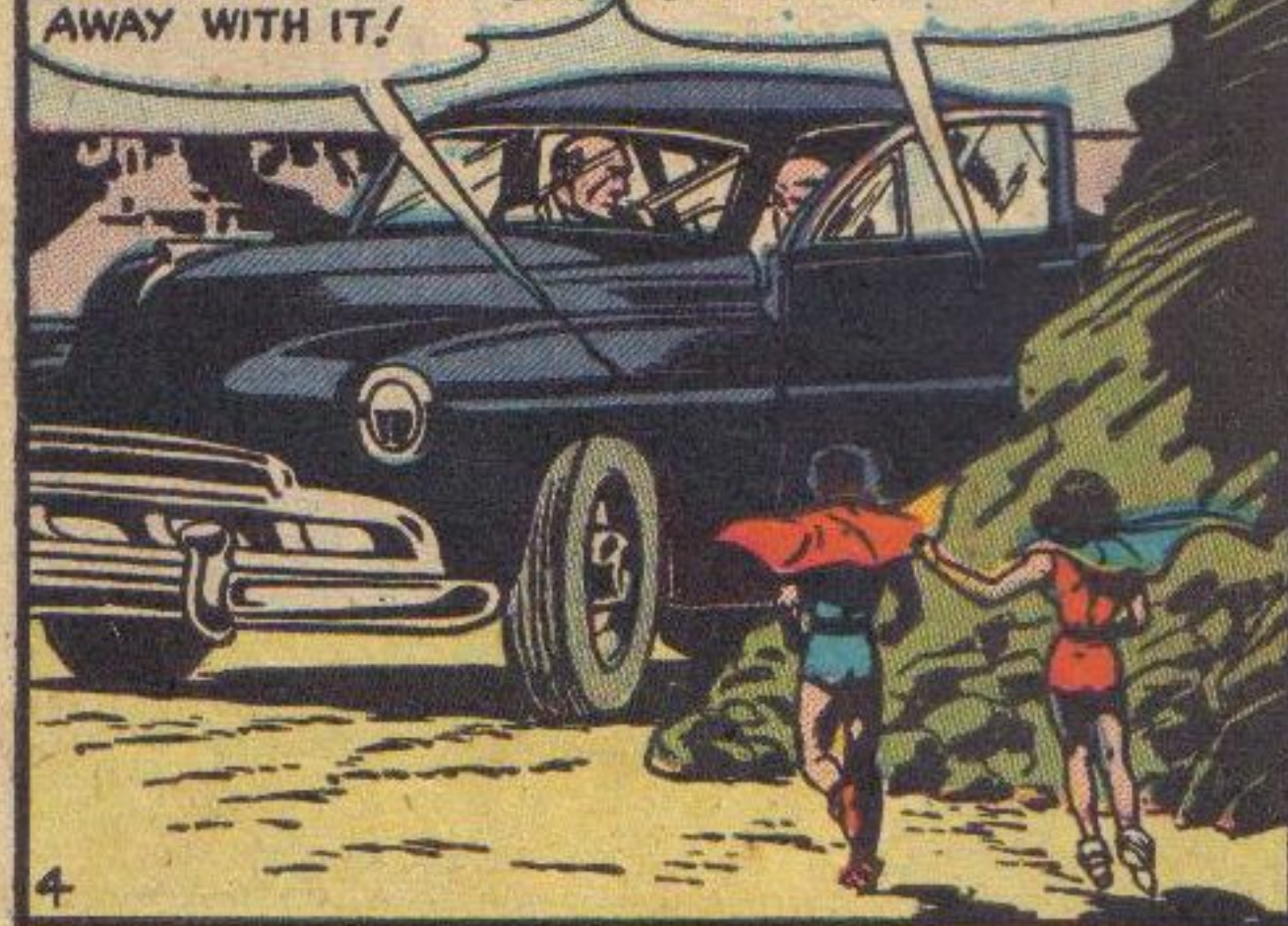


BY CONCENTRATING THEIR AMAZING WILL POWER, DARREL DANE AND MARTHA ROBERTS CONDENSE THE MOLECULES OF THEIR BODIES AND BECOME THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MITES... **DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL!**



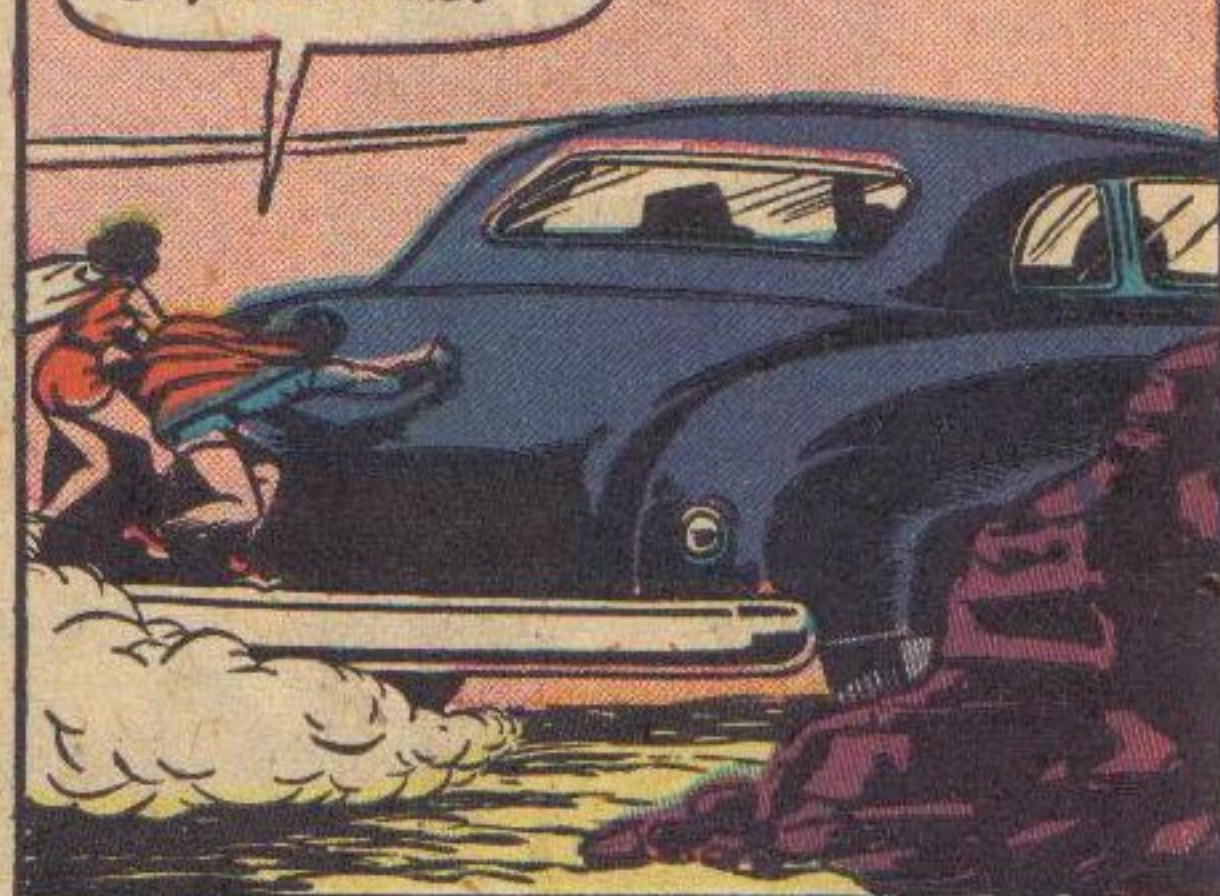
THIS IS THE MOST BRAZEN ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY I'VE EVER SEEN! THEY WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!

IF ONLY WE REACH THEM BEFORE THEY COMPLETE THE TURN AND GET UNDER WAY AGAIN...



AS THE CAR STARTS FORWARD AT TOP SPEED, TWO TINY FIGURES WHIP THROUGH THE AIR...

WE MADE IT! HANG ON, DOLL GIRL!



INSTANTS LATER...

DID YOU BOYS HAPPEN TO SEE A PLANE DROP IN?

OOOF!



DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL! I WAS WARNED THAT YOU'D MAKE TROUBLE FOR ME!

WE'LL MAKE THAT WARNING COME TRUE!



THAT GUN WON'T HELP! WE MOVE TOO FAST FOR... OHHH!

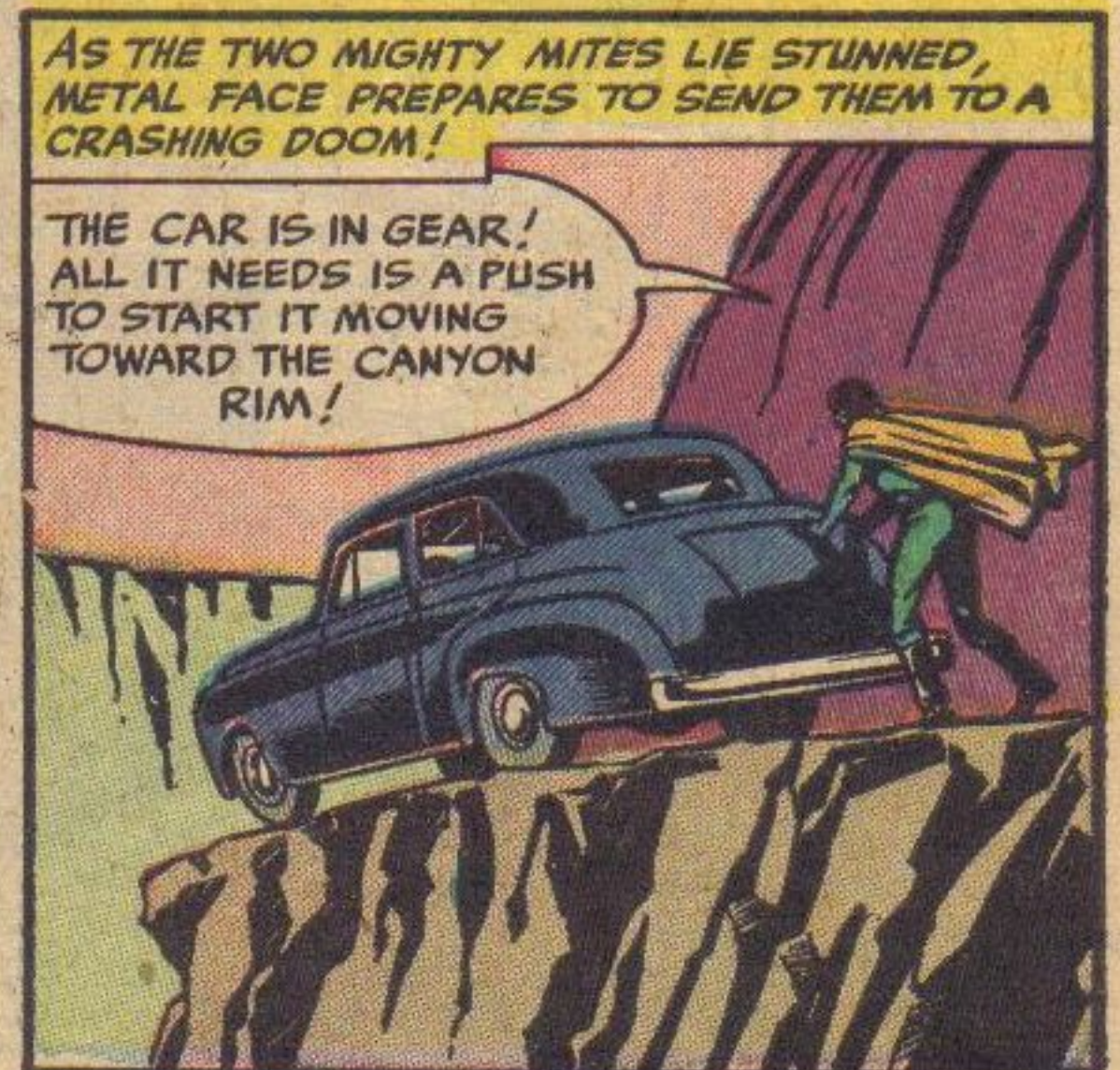
I KNEW YOU'D BE PREPARED FOR CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS! THAT'S WHY I'M USING A... MINIATURE FLAME THROWER!

SSSSS!



AS THE TWO MIGHTY MITES LIE STUNNED, METAL FACE PREPARES TO SEND THEM TO A CRASHING DOOM!

THE CAR IS IN GEAR! ALL IT NEEDS IS A PUSH TO START IT MOVING TOWARD THE CANYON RIM!



NEARLY A THOUSAND FEET TO THE BOTTOM! HA, HA! THIS IS THE LAST TIME DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL WILL INTERFERE WITH... METAL FACE!



MEANWHILE...

I...I CAN HARDLY SEE, DOLL MAN! THE FLAME SCORCHED MY EYES!

HOLD MY HAND, DOLL GIRL! WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE... FAST!



PLUMMETING TOWARD CERTAIN DESTRUCTION ON THE CANYON FLOOR, DOLL MAN TAKES A DESPERATE GAMBLE!

CRASH!



DOLL MAN

LIKE TOY FIGURES THEY FALL UNTIL THEY LAND WITH A HEAVY THUD ON A ROCKY OUTCROPPING ---



BRUISED AND SORE, GASPING FOR BREATH, DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL AT LAST REGAIN THEIR STRENGTH!

BRRR! JUST THINK, WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN DOWN THERE IN THAT MANGLED CAR!

TWO OF METAL FACE'S HENCHMEN ARE DOWN THERE! HE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES WITH LESS THOUGHT THAN WE'D GIVE TO KILLING AN INSECT!



AND HE GOT THE ROBOT PLANE MODEL, TOO! I JUST HOPE THAT SOMEHOW, SOMEWHERE, WE MEET THAT MONSTER AGAIN!

I'LL SAY AMEN TO THAT!



DAYS PASS WITH NO FURTHER SIGN OF ACTIVITY FROM THE MAN WITH THE IRON FACE! AND THEN, AS DARREL DANE AND MARTHA ROBERTS, MEET WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES IN AN AUTO ASSEMBLY PLANT TO WATCH AN ASTOUNDING DEMONSTRATION!



YOU SEE? NOT EVEN THE BLOWS OF A POWERFUL PISTON HAMMER CAN MAKE A DENT IN THAT SHEET OF METAL!

IT'S ALMOST INVULNERABLE TO DAMAGE OF ANY KIND! IT'S AN ENTIRELY NEW METAL COMPOUND THAT WILL BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL AS AN ARMOR FOR TANKS!

WONDERFUL! A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY, SIR!



ABRUPTLY---

WH-WHAT'S THAT?

BHWOOM!



DOLL MAN

AS THE ELECTRIC CRANE SWEEPS NEARER, THE SHEET OF METAL LEAPS UP AS THOUGH ALIVE TO THE HUGE MAGNET...

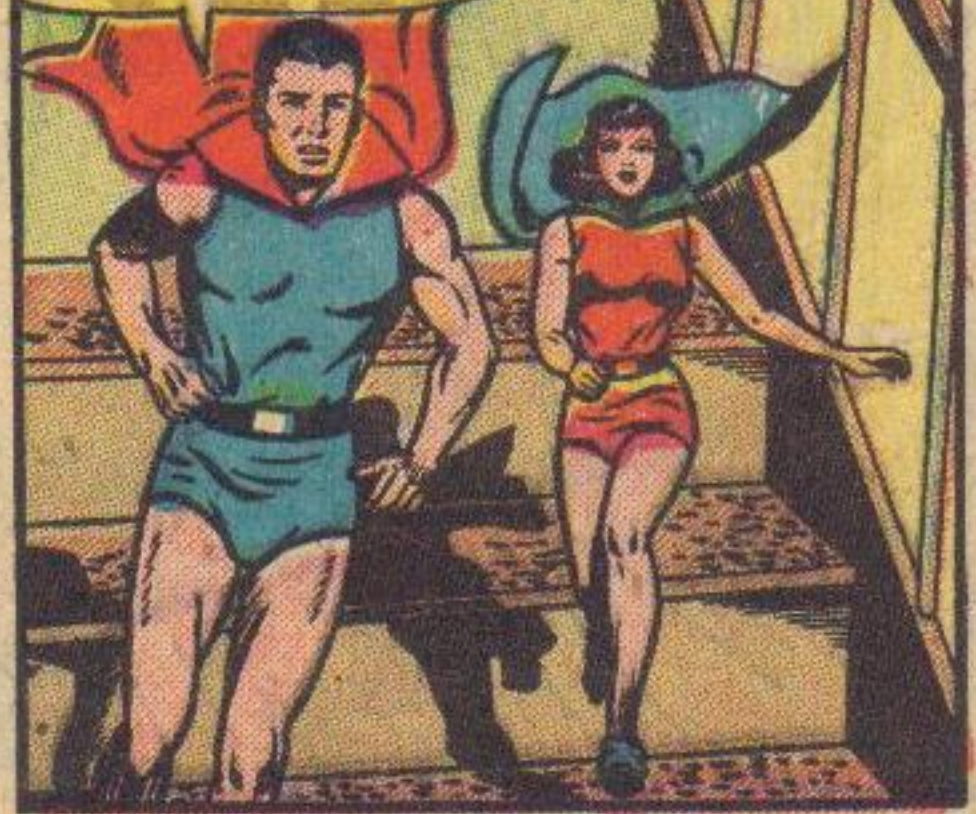
QUICK, MARTHA!
TIME FOR US TO
CHANGE!



A SWIFT EFFORT OF WILL, AND...

ONLY ONE MAN
IN THE WORLD
COULD THINK UP A
SCHEME LIKE THIS!

THE MAN WITH
THE IRON FACE!



WE WERE
RIGHT!
THERE
HE IS!

YOU
AGAIN?



DON'T WE
MAKE YOUR
HEAD RING?

KLANK!
KLUNK!



I CAN'T SHOOT,
BOSS! I MIGHT
HIT YOU BY
MISTAKE!

I'LL
HANDLE
THESE
MIDGETS
MYSELF!



METAL FACE MAKES A SUDDEN LUNGE...

MY HEAD CAN
BE A USEFUL
WEAPON AT
TIMES!

OOOOHH!



LEAPING INTO THE CAB OF THE ELECTRIC CRANE, METAL FACE THROWS A SWITCH...

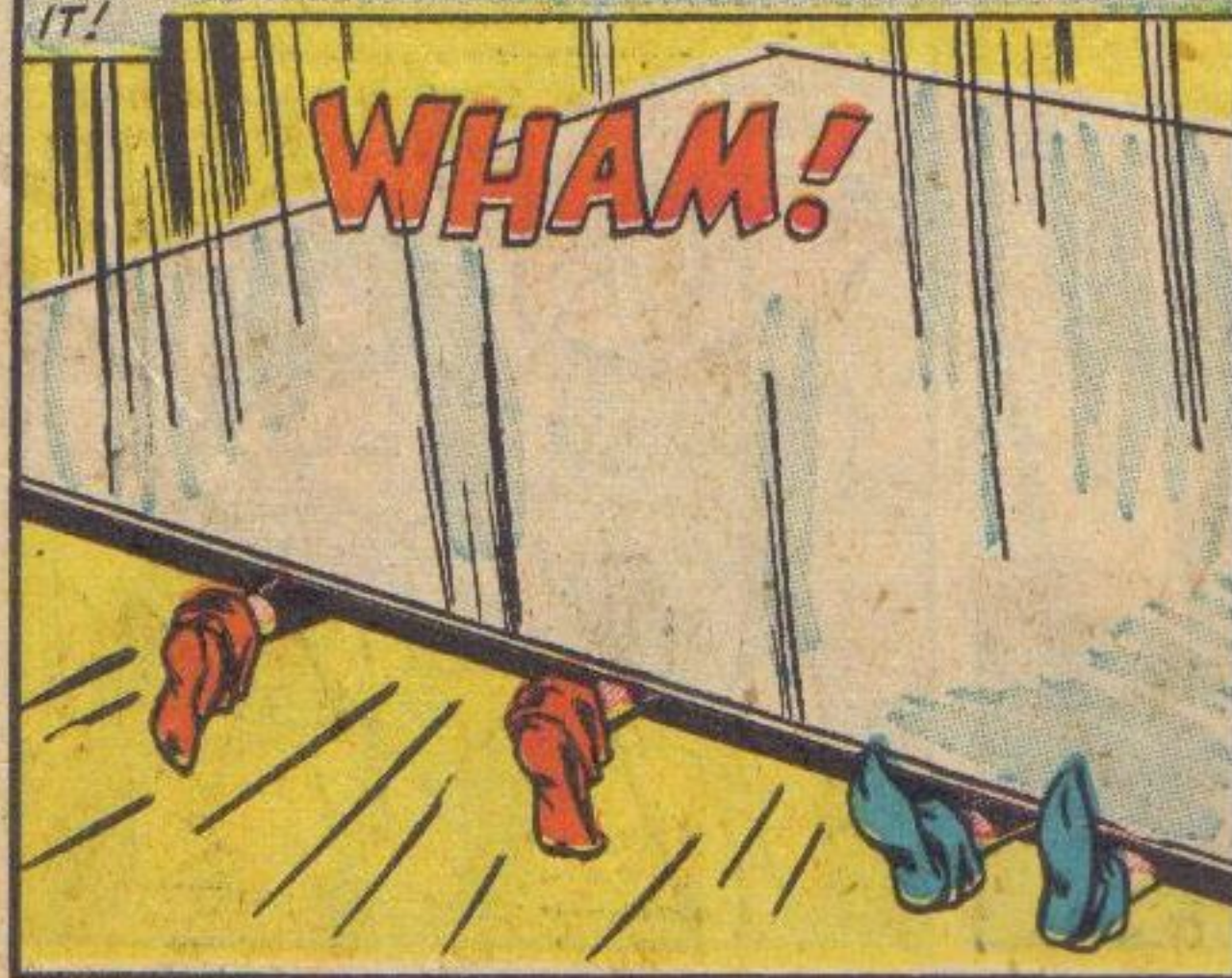
YEOW!

I CUT THE POWER FROM
THE MAGNET! HA-HA! THAT SHEET OF
METAL WILL FALL AND SMASH THEM!
IT'S A GOOD THING MY FACE IS OF
DEMAGNETIZED METAL!



DOWN CRASHES THE FORMIDABLE WEIGHT OF METAL, PINNING THE TWO MIGHTY MITES BENEATH IT!

WHAM!



LONG HOURS LATER, DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL WAKEN TO FIND THEMSELVES PRISONERS IN METAL FACE'S HEADQUARTERS!

AH! YOU'RE CONSCIOUS AT LAST! I'VE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT!



YOU MUSTN'T THINK I'VE WASTED MY TIME, HOWEVER! WHILE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS, I ACQUIRED MY THIRD POSSESSION! THE NEW HELIUM ROCKET... CONTAINING ENOUGH EXPLOSIVE FORCE TO DESTROY AN ENTIRE CITY!



I HAVE THE PLANS TO BUILD ANOTHER LIKE IT! SO I'LL USE THIS ONE TO WIPE OUT THE CITY! IT WILL BE MY FAREWELL PRESENT!

YOU MUST BE MAD!



DO YOU THINK AN INSANE MAN COULD HAVE CONCOCTED SUCH A TRAP AS THIS? WHILE I DEPART ON MY MISSION, I'LL LEAVE YOU IN GOOD COMPANY! SOONER OR LATER THESE DOGS ARE CERTAIN TO SNAP THE ROPES THAT KEEP THEM BACK!

AHRR!



THEY'VE BEEN BEATEN AND STARVED UNTIL THEY'RE FEROCIOUS AS WOLVES! TOO BAD THEY WON'T MAKE MORE THAN A COUPLE OF MORSELS OUT OF YOU TWO!

AHRRR!

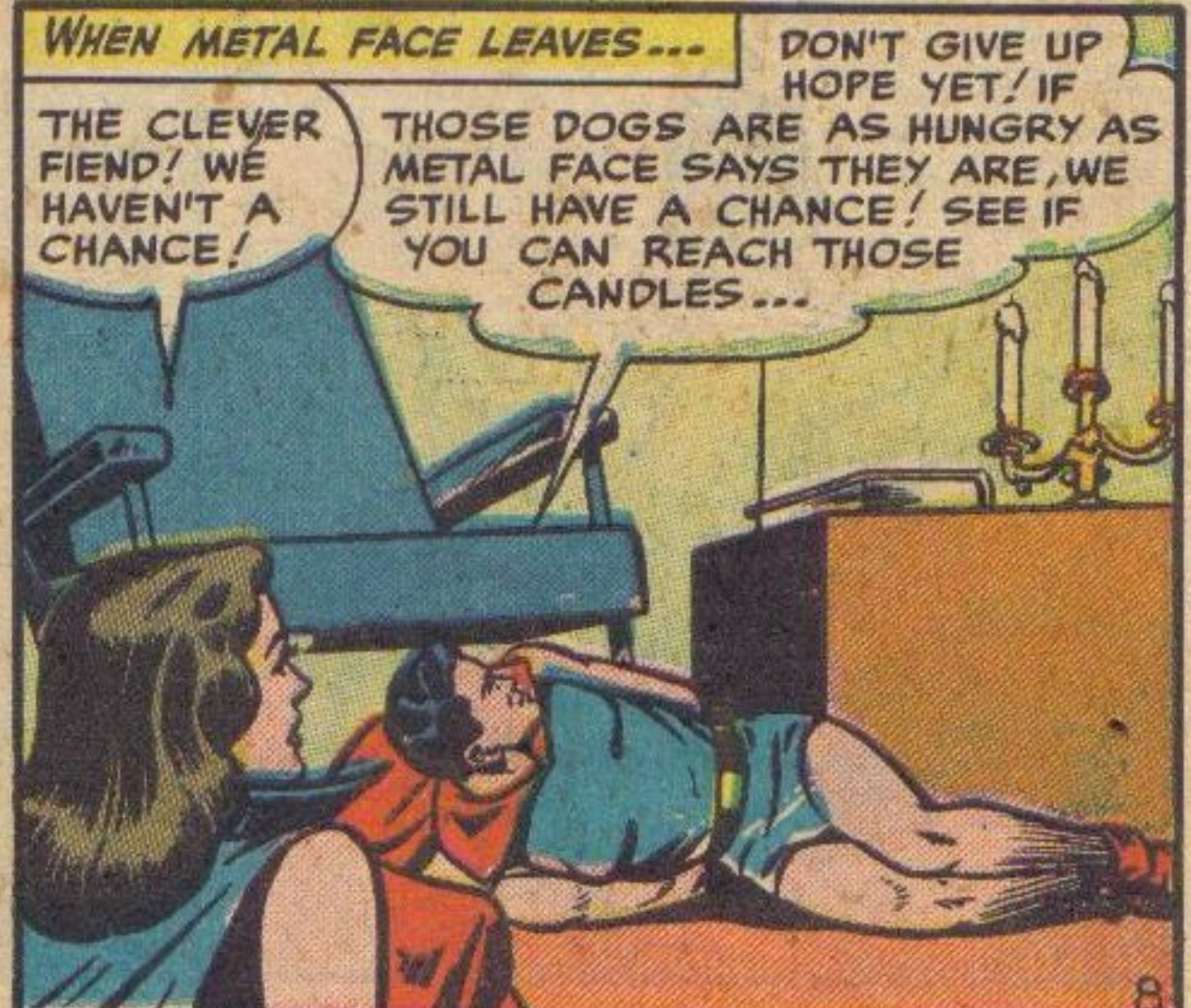


WHEN METAL FACE LEAVES...

DON'T GIVE UP HOPE YET! IF

THE CLEVER FIEND! WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE!

THOSE DOGS ARE AS HUNGRY AS METAL FACE SAYS THEY ARE, WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE! SEE IF YOU CAN REACH THOSE CANDLES...



DOLL MAN

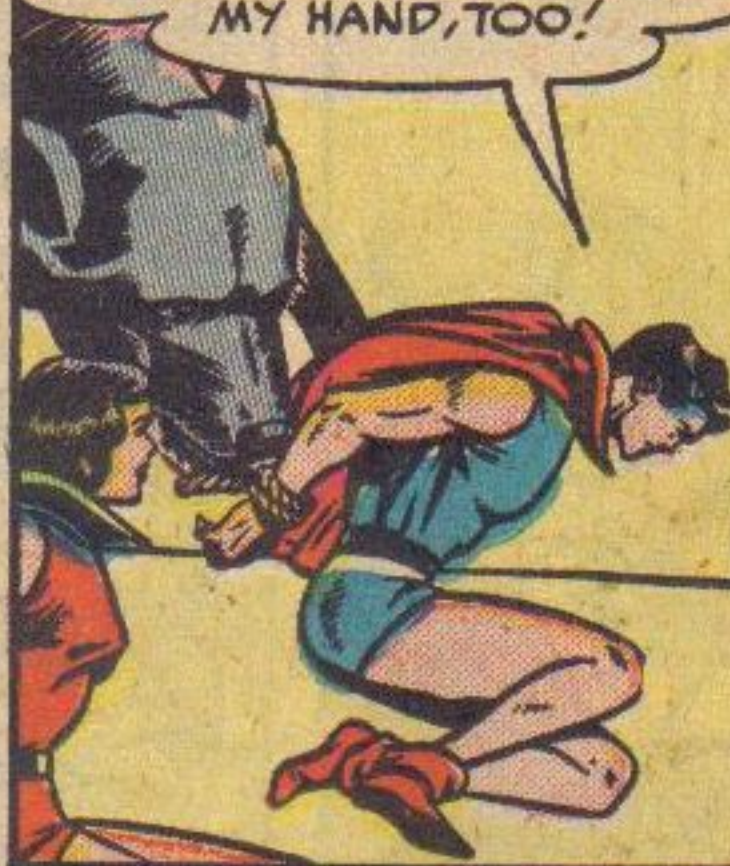
STRAINING AGAINST THE WEAKENING ROPES, THE SNARLING DOGS DRAW CLOSER AND CLOSER AS...

I MANAGED TO TIP OVER THE CANDELABRA! THIS ONE IS NEAR ENOUGH TO HANDLE! BUT I STILL CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT GOOD THIS WILL DO!

CANDLES ARE MADE OUT OF TALLOW, WHICH IS A FORM OF SUET...AND SUET IS BOUND TO TASTE GOOD TO A STARVING DOG!



I RUBBED THE TALLOW ON THE ROPES! TO GET IT, THE DOG WILL HAVE TO BITE THROUGH MY BONDS! I HOPE HE DOESN'T GET TOO HUNGRY AND TAKE A BITE OUT OF MY HAND, TOO!



MOMENTS LATER...

WE'RE FREE NOW! WE'LL NOTIFY THE A.S.P.C.A. TO FEED THOSE DOGS!

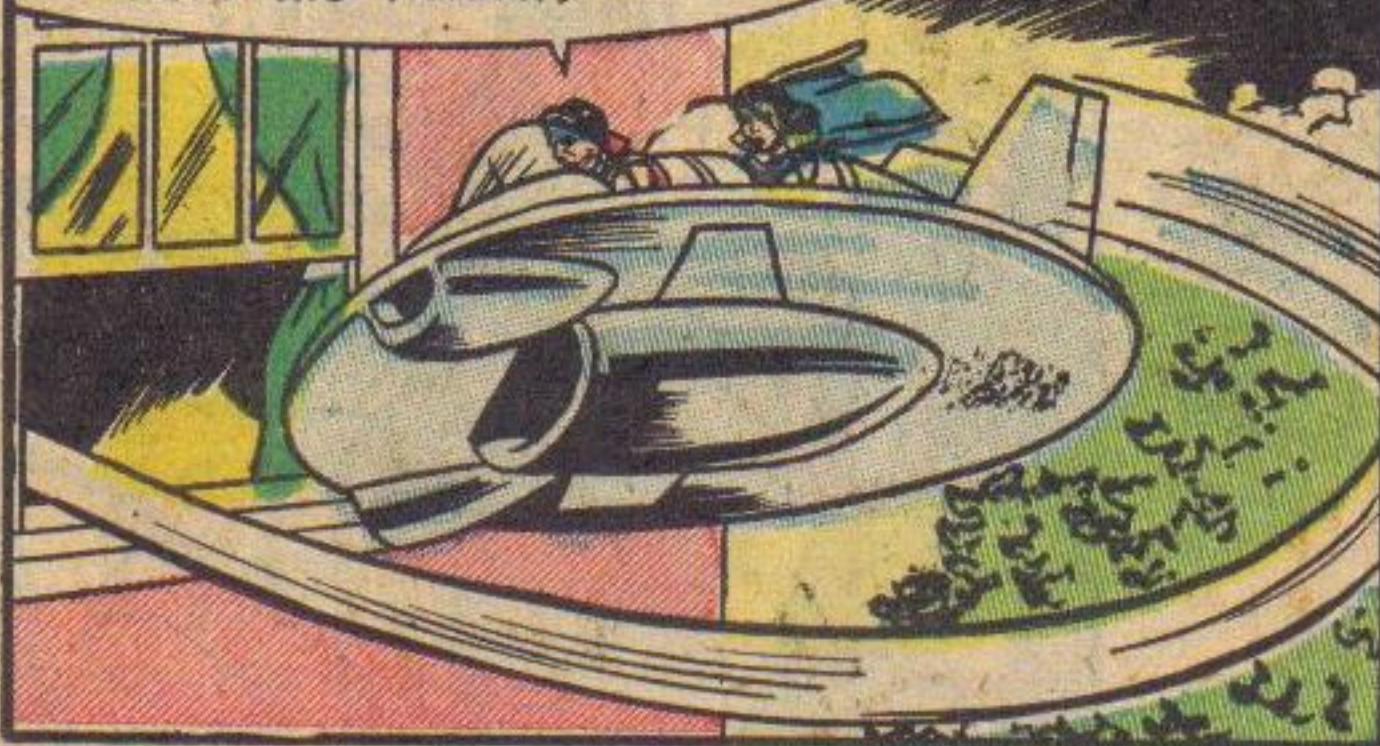
CHECK! BUT WE'D BETTER FIND THE DOLLPLANE FIRST!



SOON AFTERWARD, THE TINY DOLLPLANE WINGS ALOFT FROM DARREL DANE'S RESIDENCE...

THE MAN WITH THE IRON FACE VOWED TO DESTROY THE WHOLE CITY WITH THAT HELIUM ROCKET! MY GUESS IS THAT HE'LL TRY TO KEEP HIS THREAT!

BUT HOW CAN WE FIND HIM?



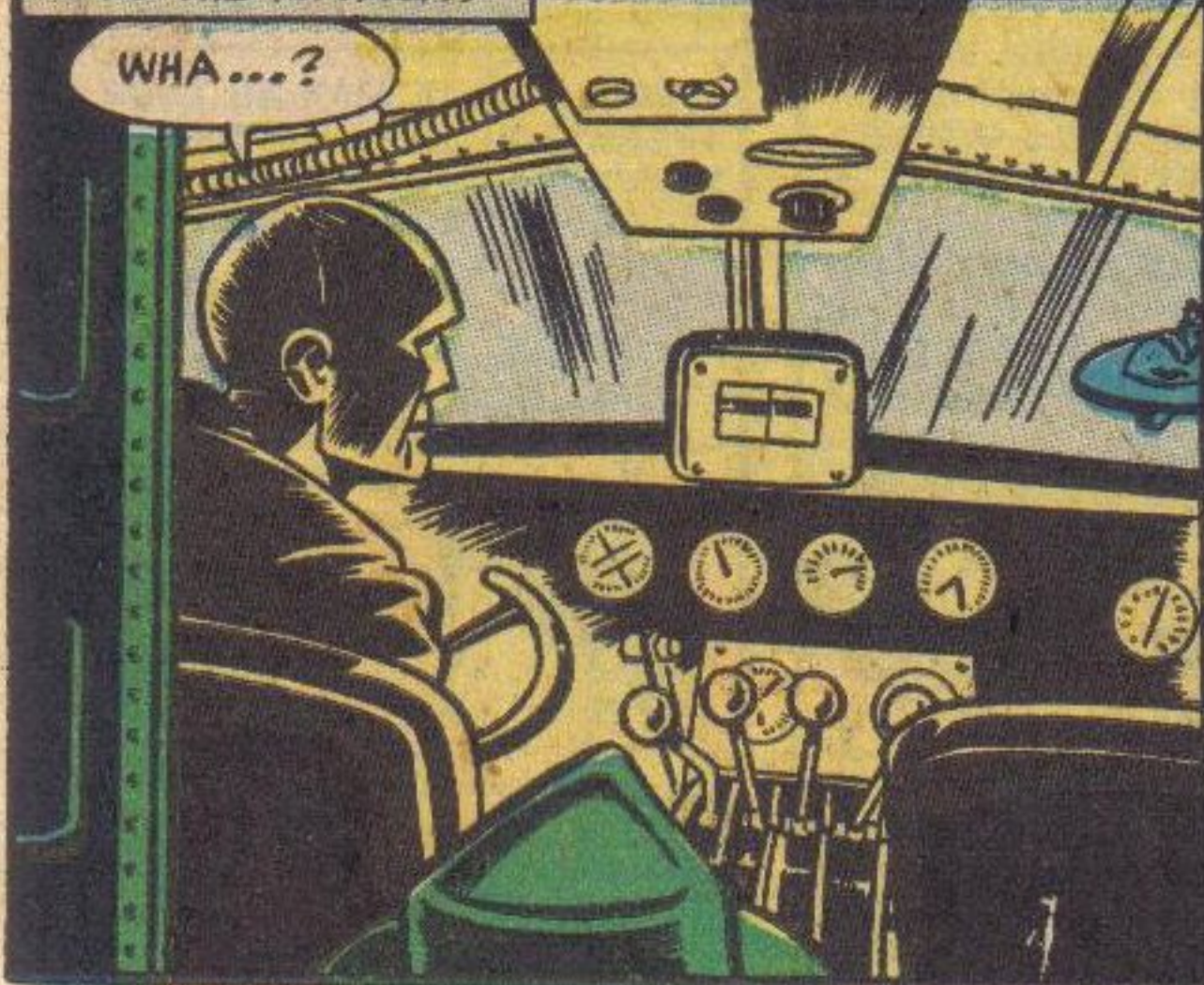
METAL FACE WILL HAVE TO BE IN A SAFE LOCATION WHEN HE LAUNCHES THAT BOMB! THAT CAN ONLY MEAN...IN A PLANE! UH-OH! I THINK WE'VE FOUND HIM! LOOK OVER THERE!

A PLANE, CIRCLING THE CITY! HURRY!



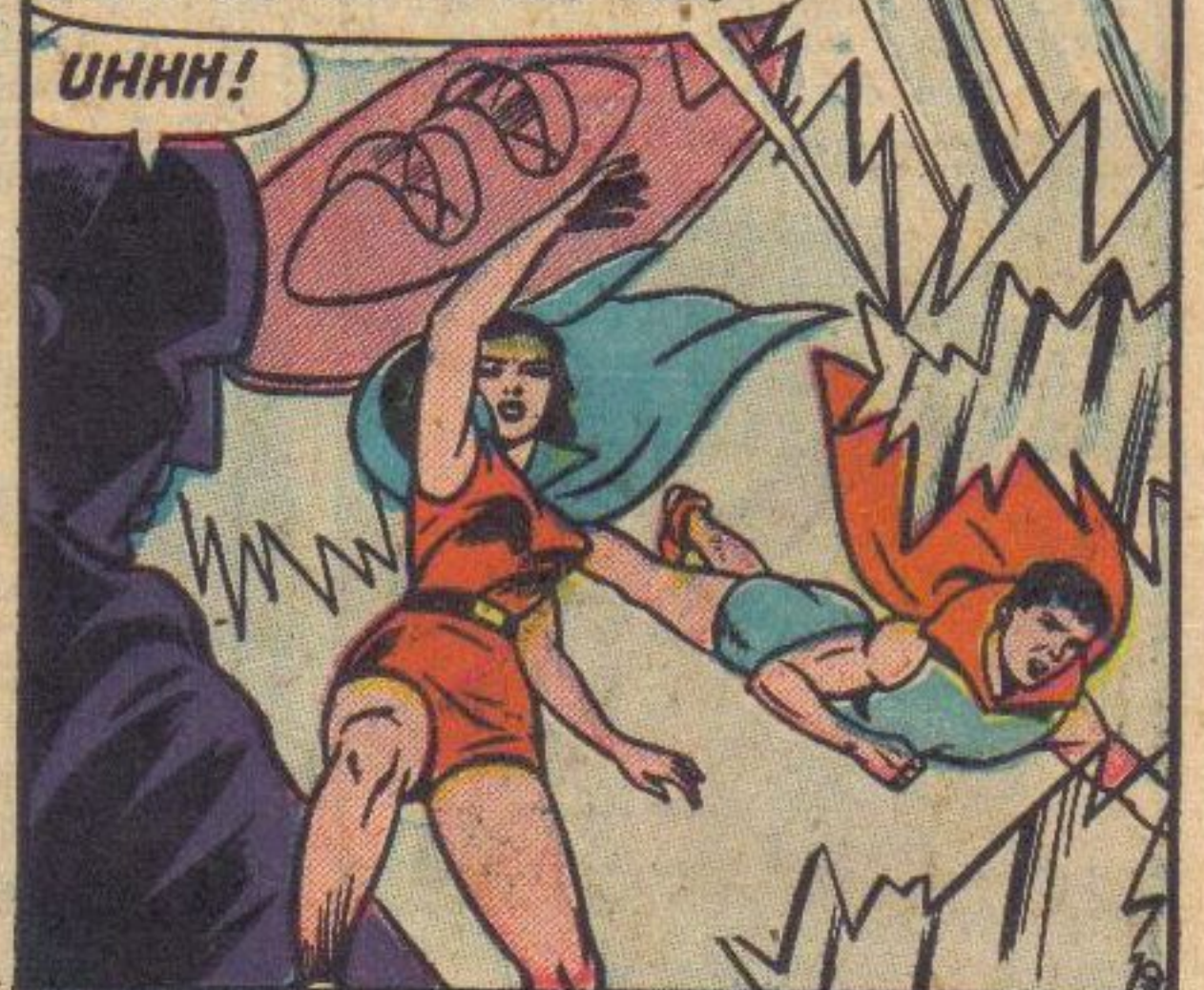
LIKE AN ANGRY HORNET, THE DOLLPLANE BUZZES IN TO THE ATTACK!

WHA...?



YOU'LL NEVER KNOW HOW GLAD WE ARE TO SEE YOU!

UHHH!



AS THE MAN WITH THE IRON FACE'S HENCHMEN ATTACK...

STAY OUT OF IT, BOYS! THIS IS A PRIVATE FIGHT!

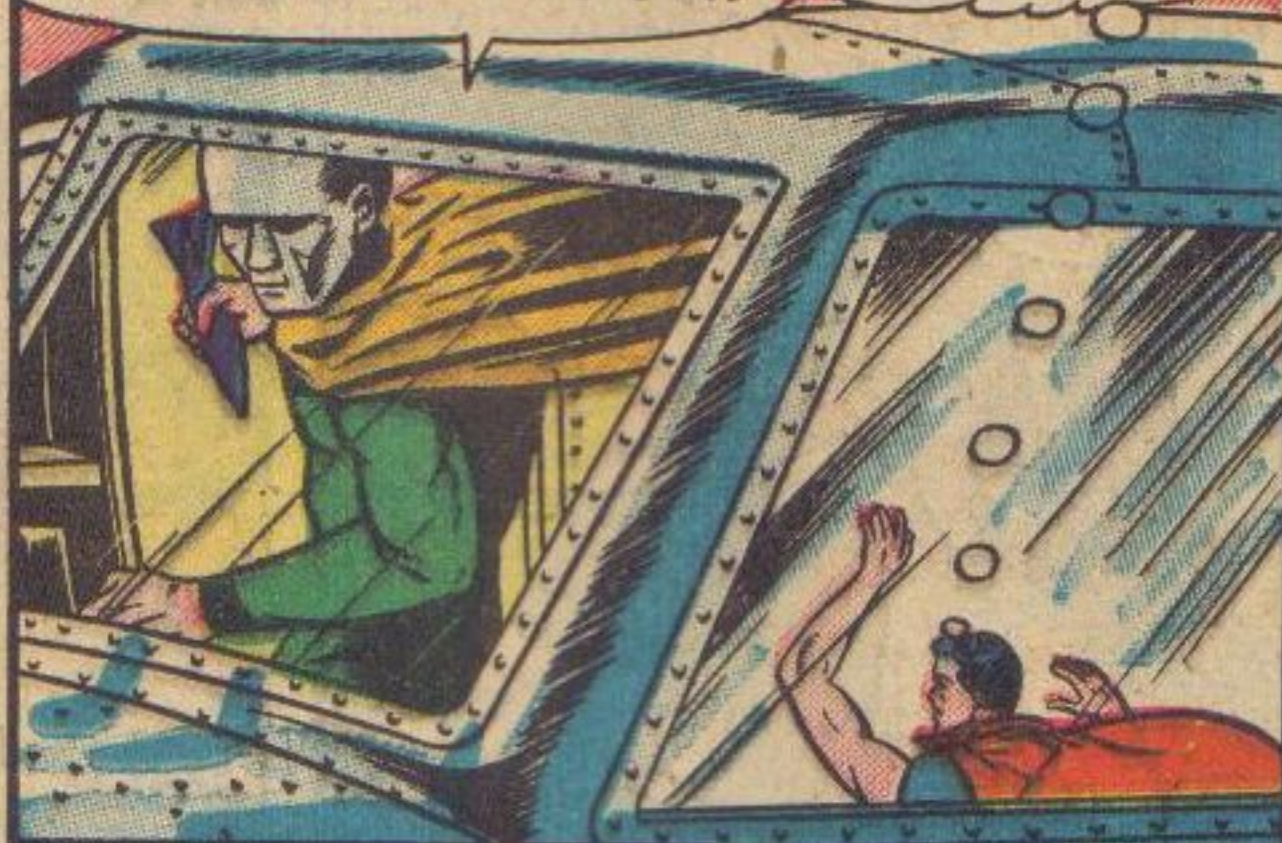
WE DON'T WANT STRANGERS BUTTING IN!



BUT THE DELAY GIVES THE MASTER VILLAIN TIME TO RECOVER...

NOT ONE STEP NEARER, YOU LITTLE DEVILS, OR I'LL TOSS THIS HELIUM ROCKET OUT!

THE CONTROLS! IT'S THE ONLY CHANCE NOW!



I PUT THE PLANE INTO A DIVE! GET THE ROCKET, DOLL GIRL!

EEEE!



CAUGHT OFF BALANCE BY DOLL MAN'S SUDDEN MANEUVER, THE MAN WITH THE IRON FACE TOPPLES FROM THE STEEPLY DIVING PLANE!

WHEW! HE DROPPED THE ROCKET TO GRAB FOR A HANDHOLD! LUCKY I CAUGHT IT!



THAT FALL IS ENOUGH TO KILL ANY MAN! WE'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!



NOW, I'D BETTER TRY TO TAKE THIS PLANE IN FOR A LANDING AT THE NEAREST AIRFIELD!

BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU LAND! AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH, I WOULDN'T WANT THE HELIUM ROCKET TO GO OFF NOW!



AND SOMETIME LATER...

I SEE THERE'S A REPORT OF NEW PEACE FEELERS FROM THE KREMLIN!

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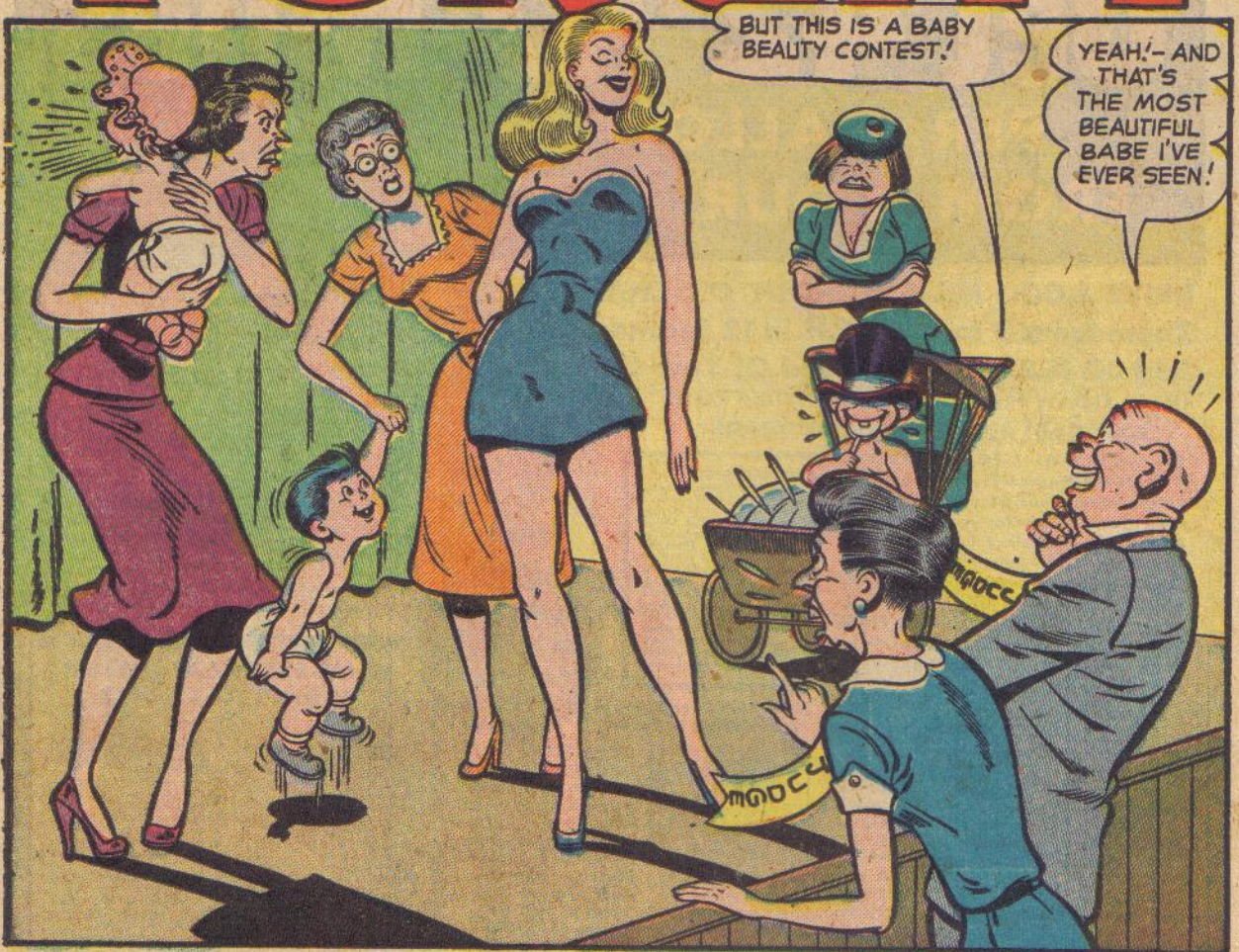
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DOLL MAN

TORCHY



DOLL MAN



OH, NO! TORCHY, HONEY, THIS IS A BABY BEAUTY CONTEST! THEY WANTED PICTURES OF BEAUTIFUL BABIES!



BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! IT'S --



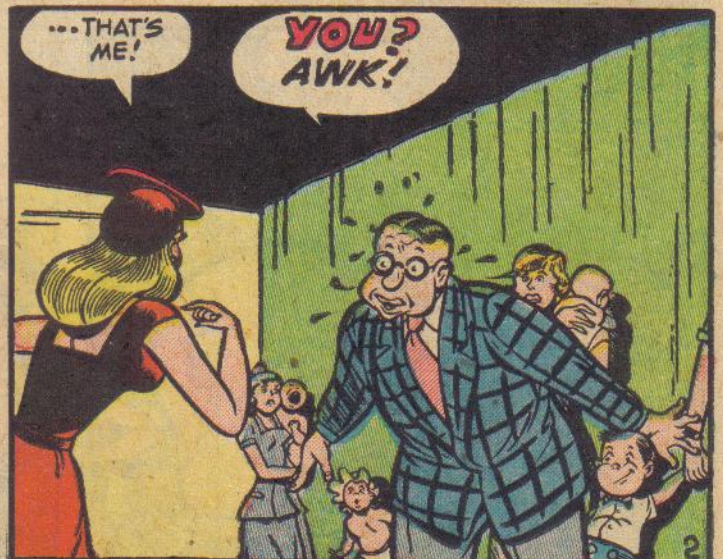
OH, BROTHER! HOW STUPID CAN YOU GET? I GIVE UP!



FOR EUTY TEST



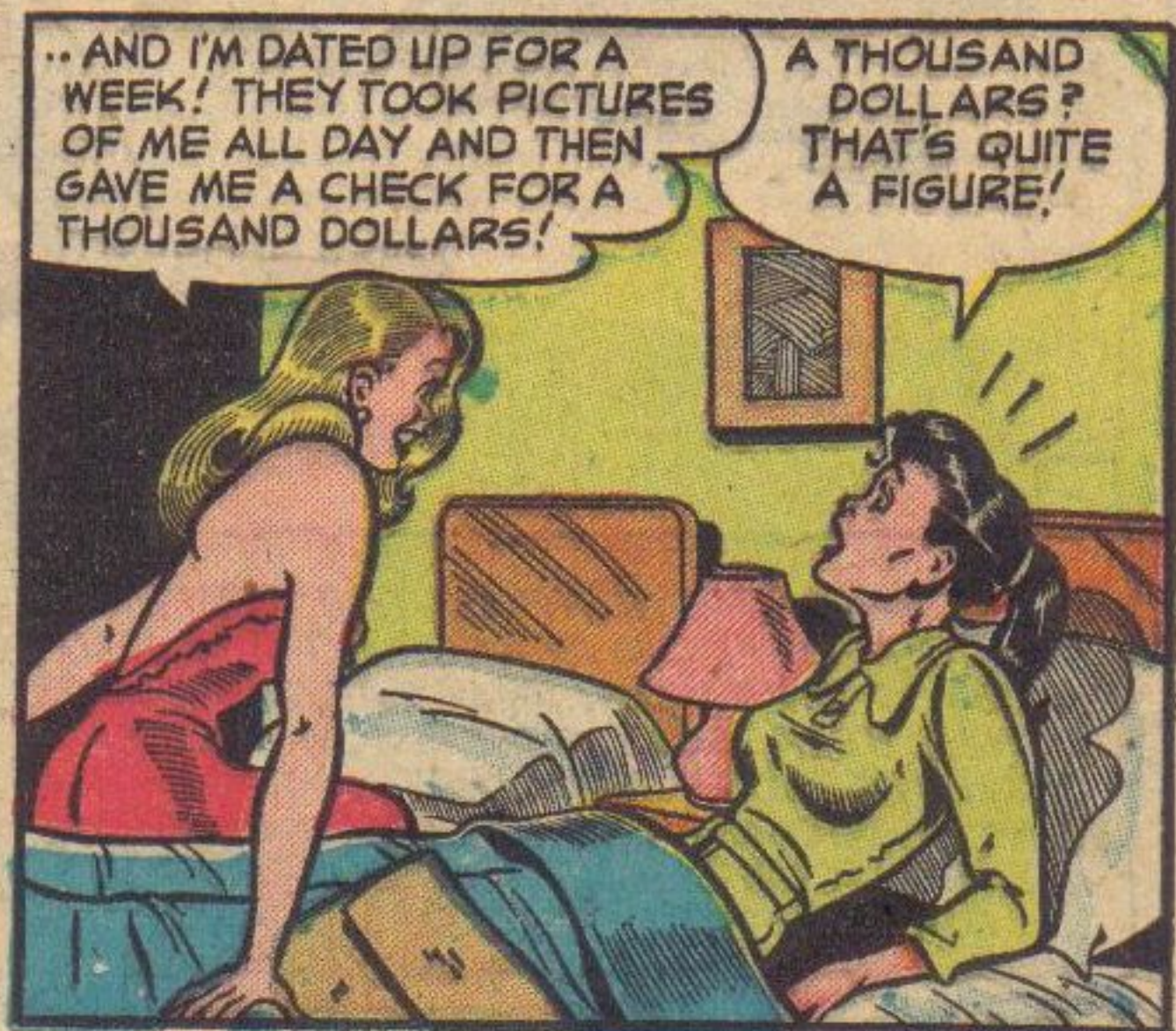
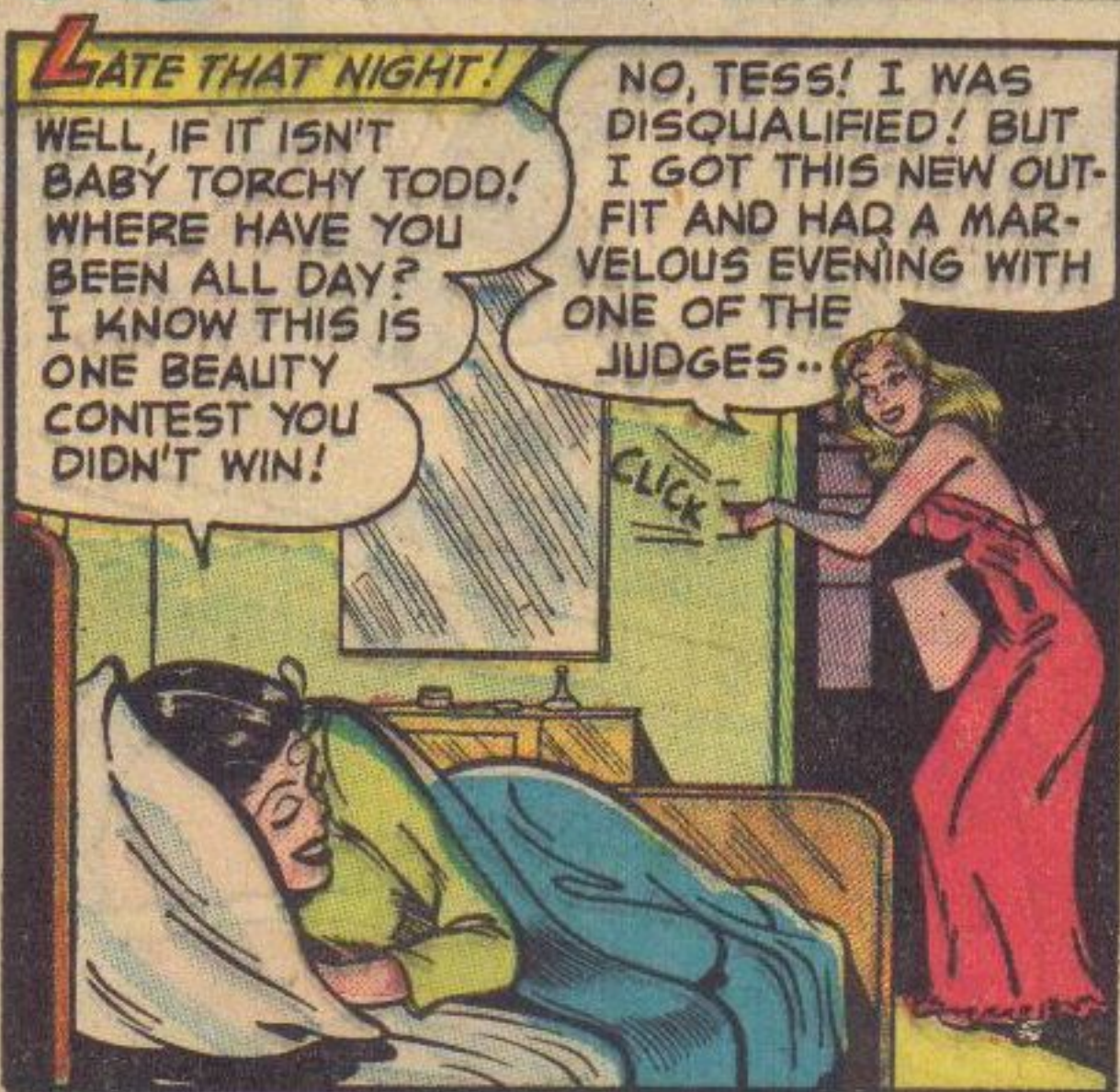
I'M NOT A MOTHER! AND IF YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE BABY IN THE PICTURE..



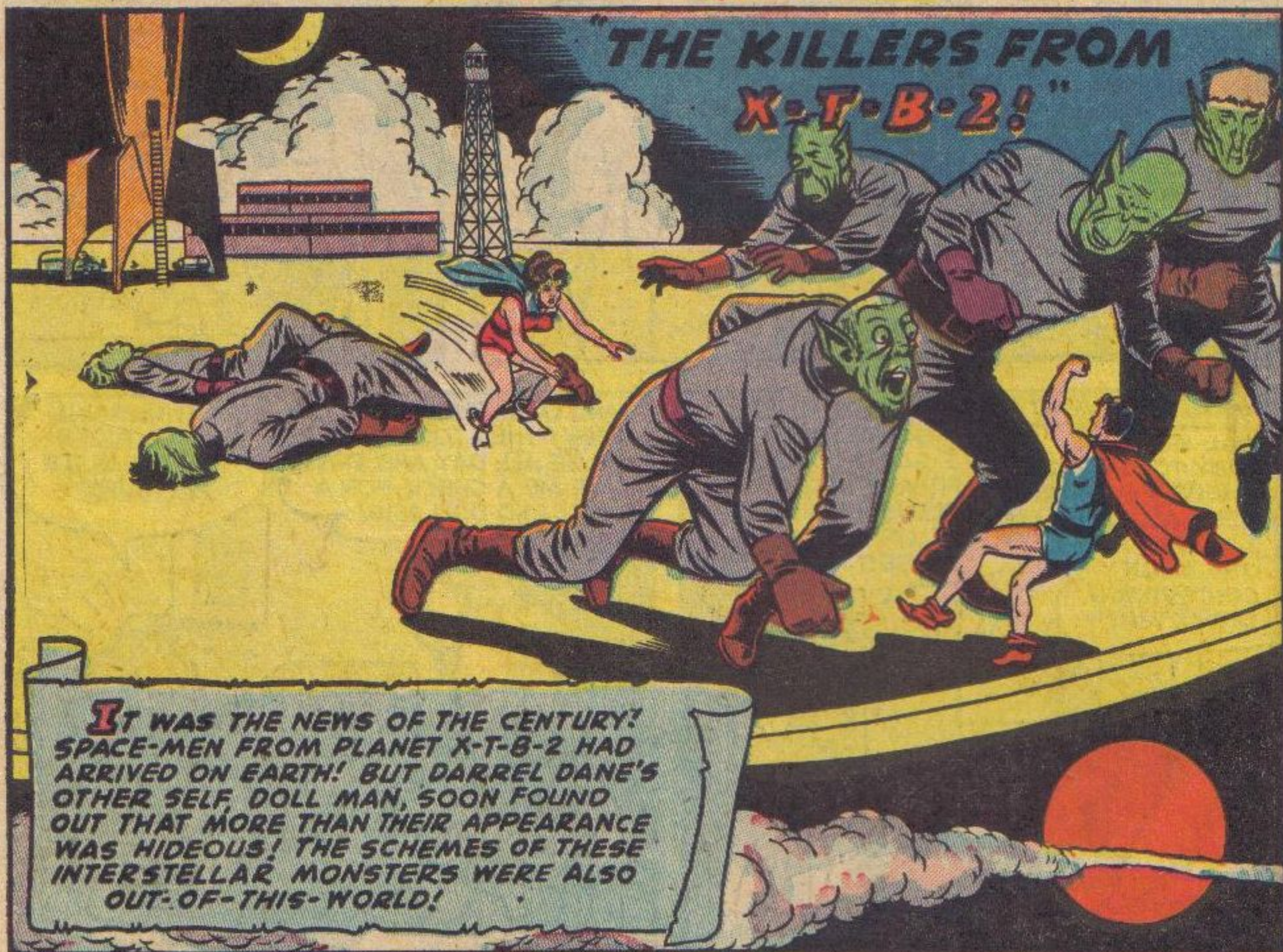
YOU? AWK!

DOLL MAN





DOLL MAN



IT WAS THE NEWS OF THE CENTURY! SPACE-MEN FROM PLANET X-T-B-2 HAD ARRIVED ON EARTH! BUT DARREL DANE'S OTHER SELF, DOLL MAN, SOON FOUND OUT THAT MORE THAN THEIR APPEARANCE WAS HIDEOUS! THE SCHEMES OF THESE INTERSTELLAR MONSTERS WERE ALSO OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD!

ONE NIGHT RESEARCH CHEMIST DARREL DANE GOT A PHONE CALL AT HIS LABRATORY A CONFIDENTIAL CALL!

WHAT IS IT, DARREL? YOU LOOK SICK!

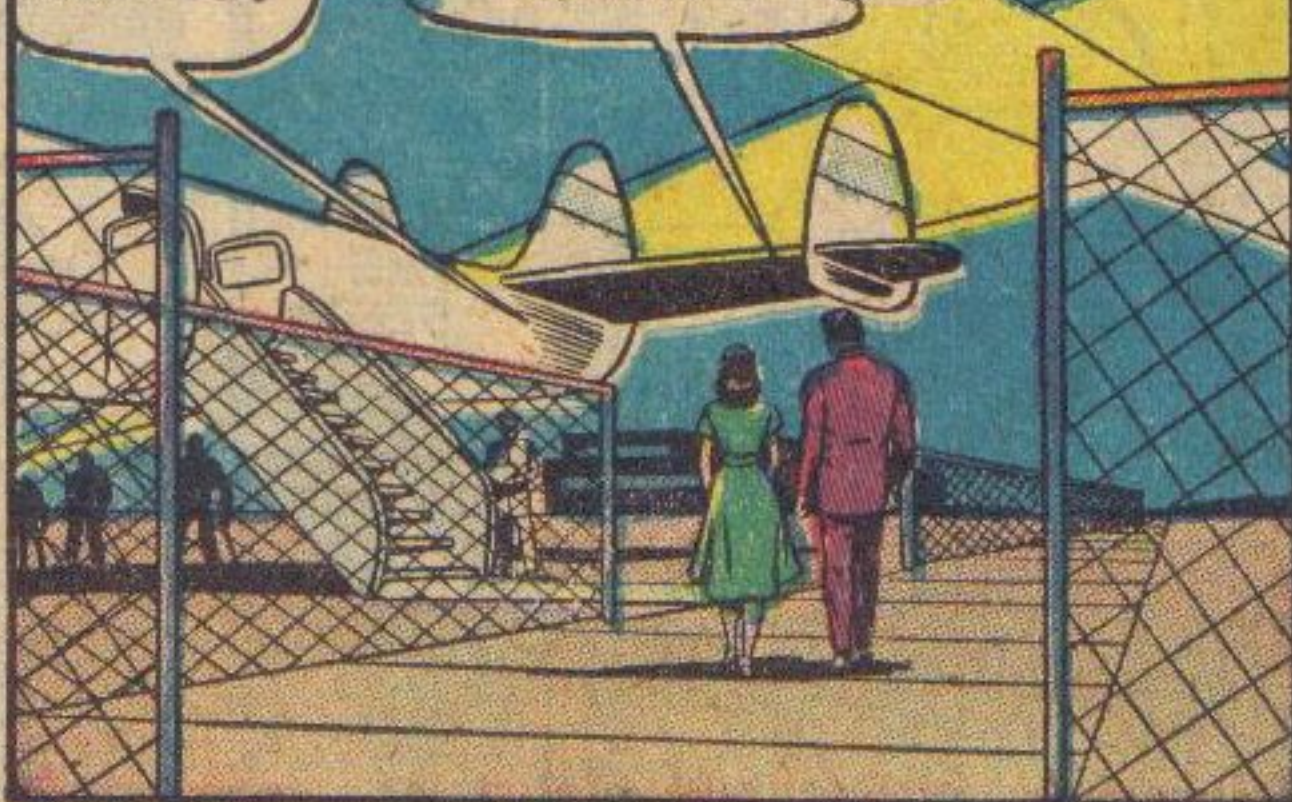
SICK IS H-HOW I FEEL, MARTHA! ..THAT WAS WASHINGTON! A SPACE SHIP FROM PLANET X-T-B-2 HAS DESCENDED TO EARTH! WE'VE GOT TO LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON AT ONCE!

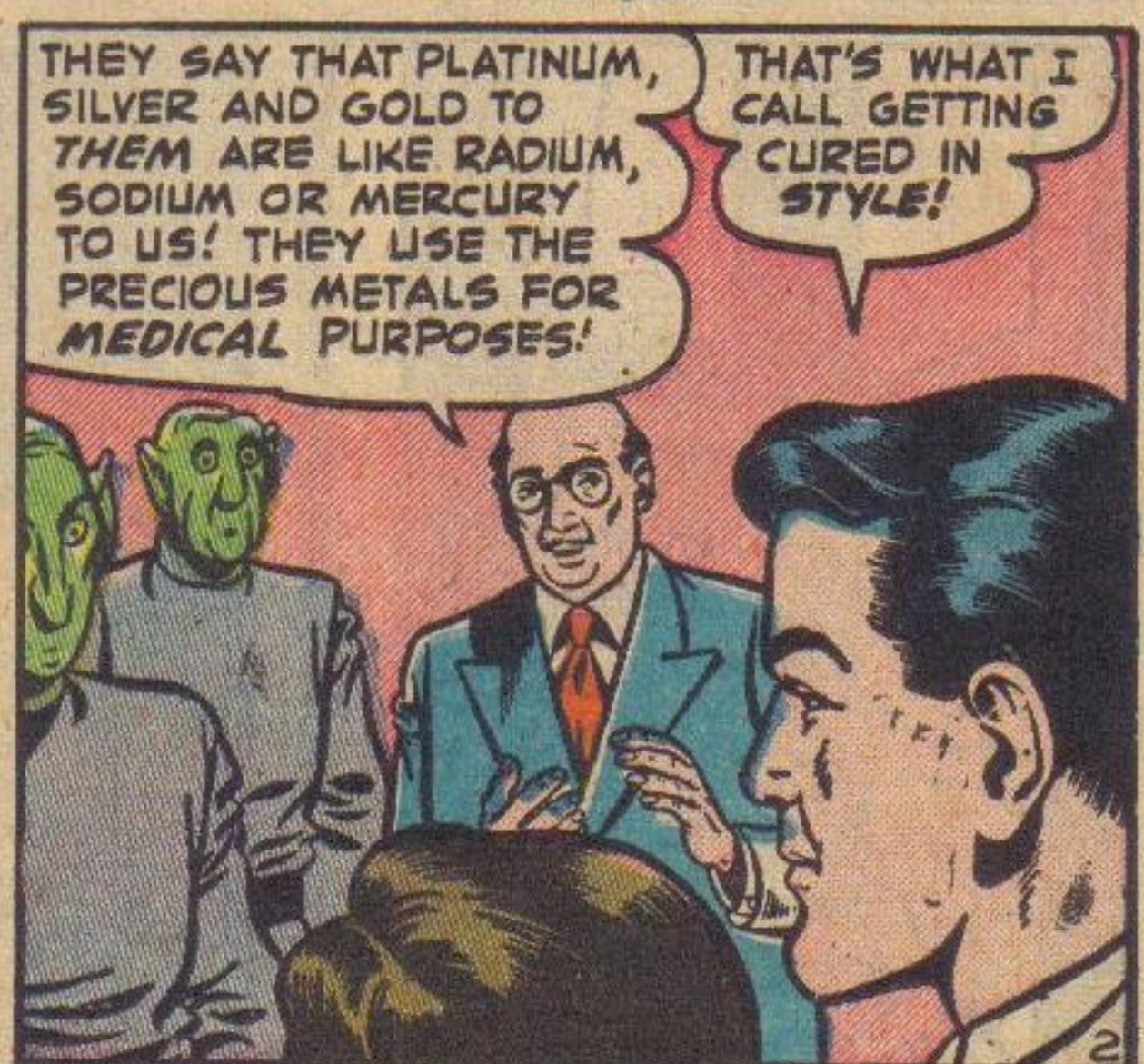
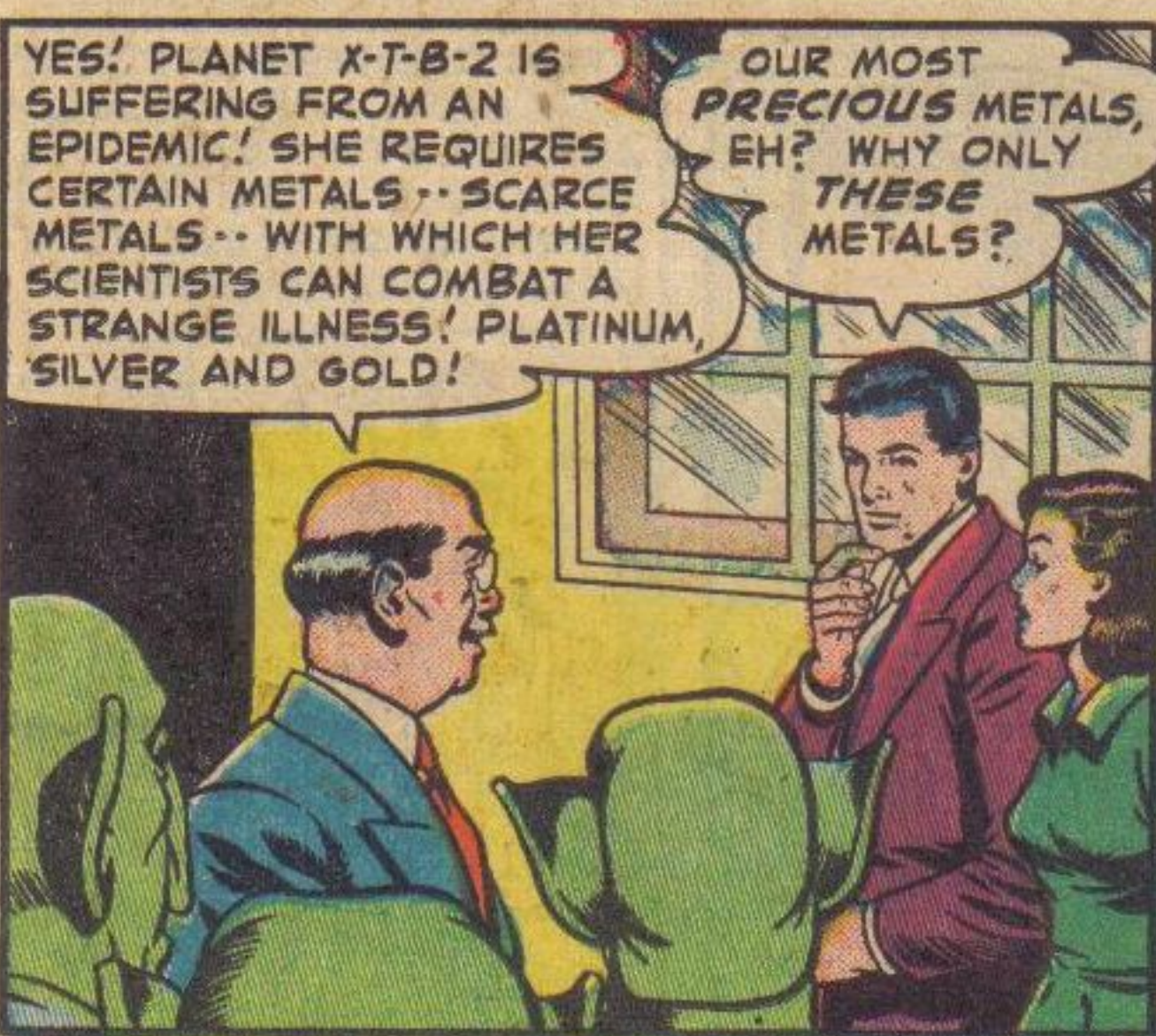
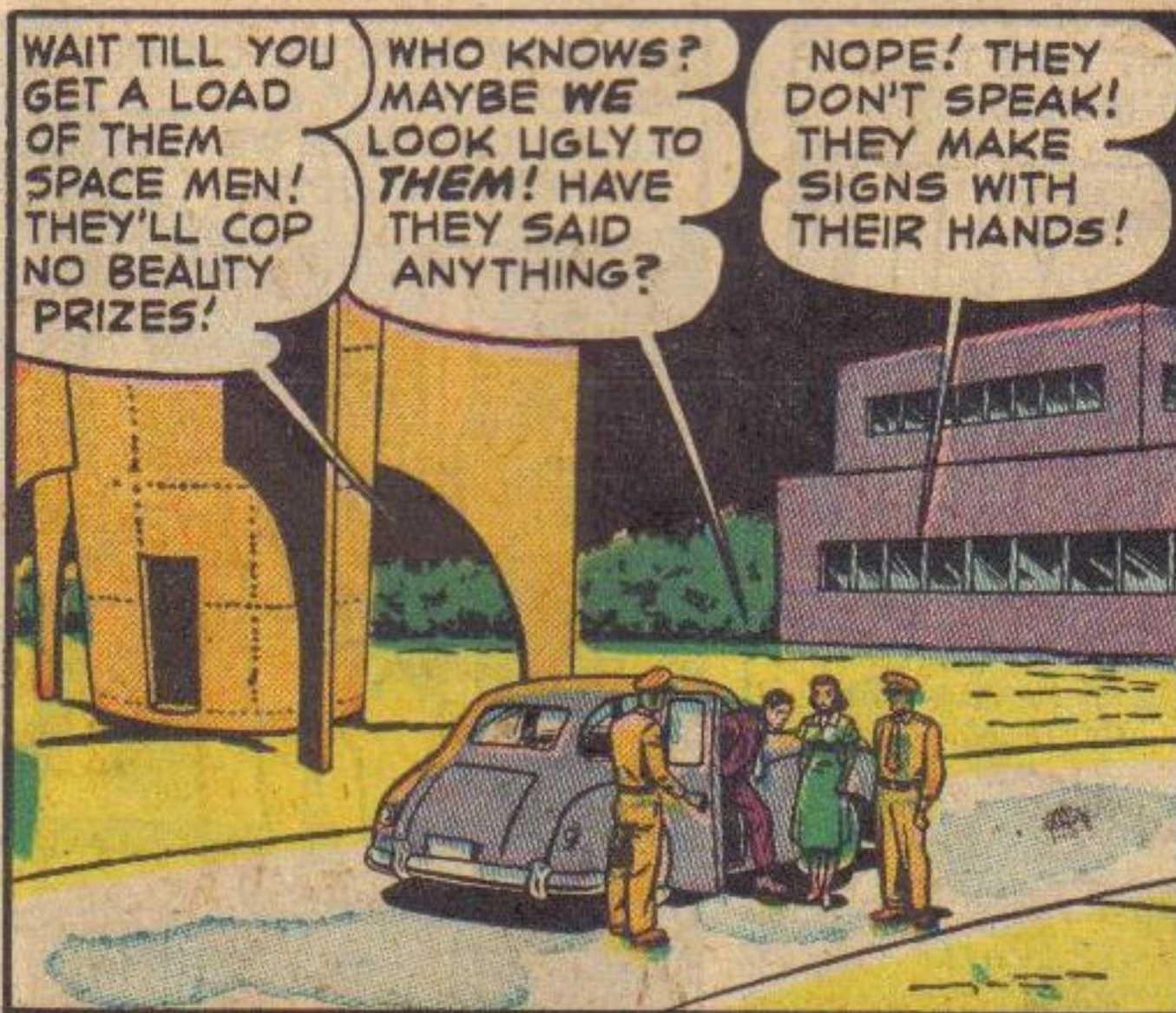


SHORTLY AFTER, AT THE AIRPORT --

ARE THESE SPACE MEN HOSTILE?

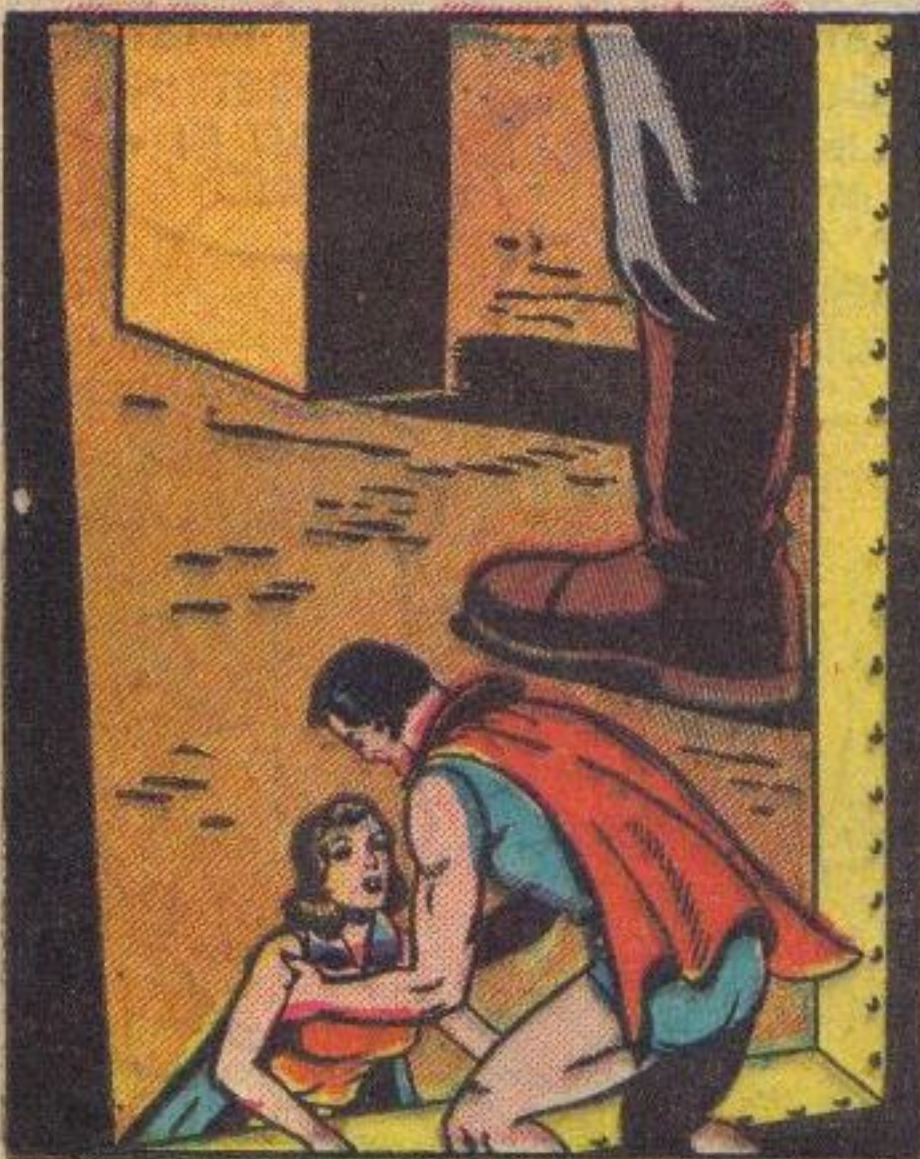
APPARENTLY NOT-- YET! BUT WHO CAN READ THEIR MINDS? WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY'RE AFTER? -- TILL THEY'RE AFTER IT!



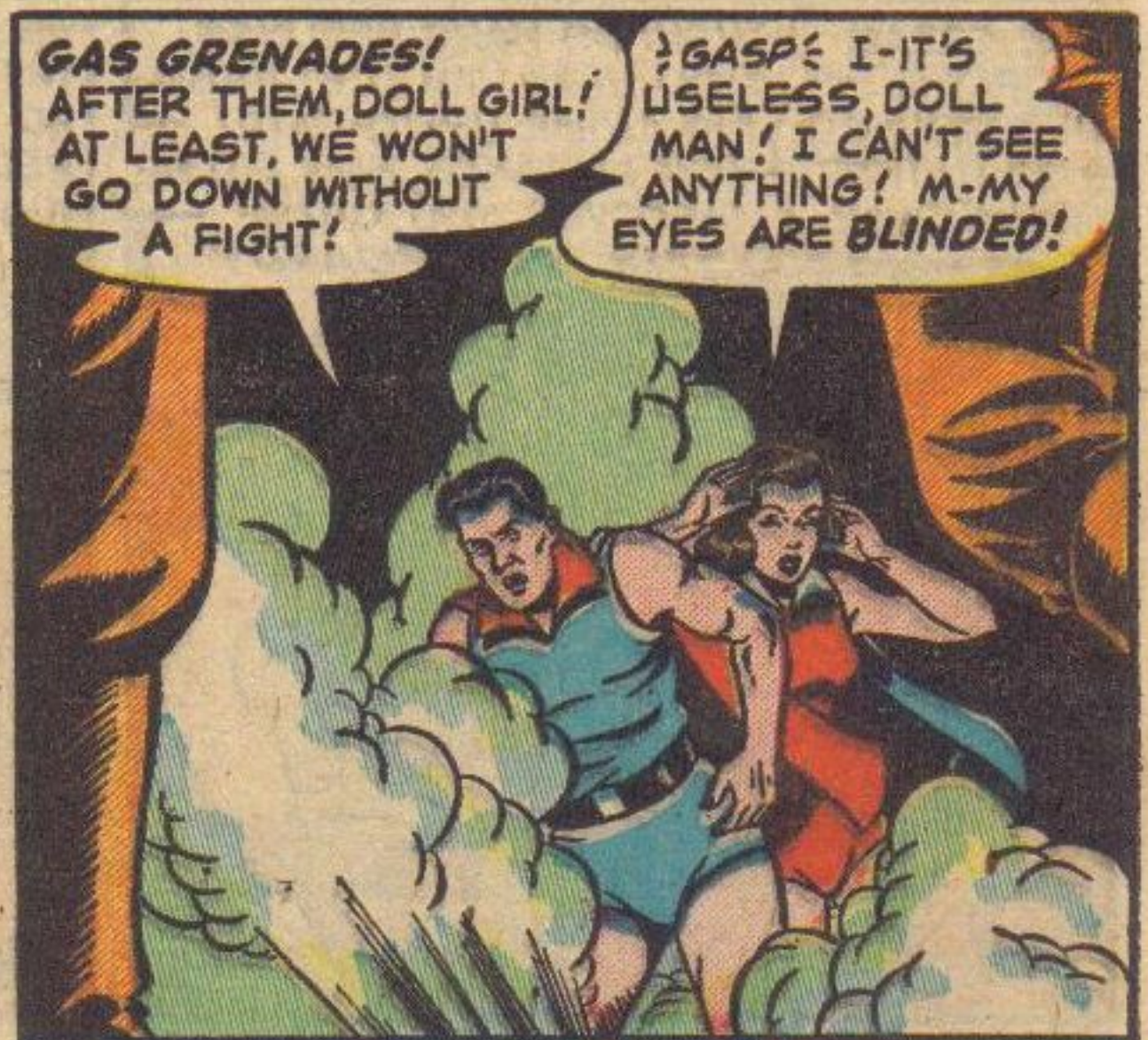




BEHIND A DESERTED BUILDING, A MIRACULOUS TRANSFORMATION! --CONCENTRATING THEIR WILL POWERS, DARREL DANE AND MARTHA ROBERTS TELESCOPE THEMSELVES INTO THOSE DIMINUTIVE DYNAMIC DWELLERS AGAINST EVIL... **DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL!**



DOLL MAN



MANY HOURS LATER, AS THE SPACE SHIP ZOOMS THROUGH SPACE--

THEY'RE COMIN' TO, PROFESSOR!

WELCOME TO THE FIRST SPACE SHIP FROM PLANET X-T-B-2, DOLL MAN! HEH! HEH!

PROFESSOR BORKMANN!



YOU'RE THE NAZI SCIENTIST WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING WITH THE U.S. ARMY ON ROCKET BOMBS! YOU DISAPPEARED ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO!

STRICTLY A RUMOR, AS YOU SEE! I DARESAY YOU WOULDN'T HAVE RECOGNIZED ME IN MY INTERPLANETARY COSTUME! COME, BOYS! SHOW DOLL MAN WHAT CREATURES FROM OUTER SPACE REALLY LOOK LIKE!



THE CREAM OF THE UNDERWORLD -- OR RATHER, THE SCUM!

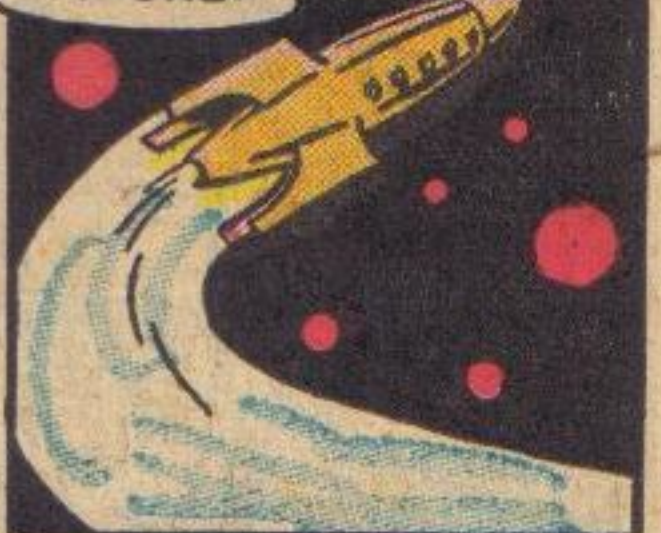
TUSH! NO HARD FEELINGS, DOLL MAN! I'M JUST BRINGING CRIME UP-TO-DATE! FOR INSTANCE, HOW DID WE DISCOVER YOU CAME ABOARD?



WE HAD A RADAR DEVICE NEAR THE ENTRANCE! AS YOU ENTERED THE SPACE SHIP, YOU TRIPPED AN ELECTRONIC CAMERA WHICH SNAPPED YOUR PICTURE AS WELL AS WARNED US OF YOUR MEDDLING PRESENCE! AS FOR CAPTURING YOU, A NEW GAS I INVENTED TOOK CARE OF THAT!

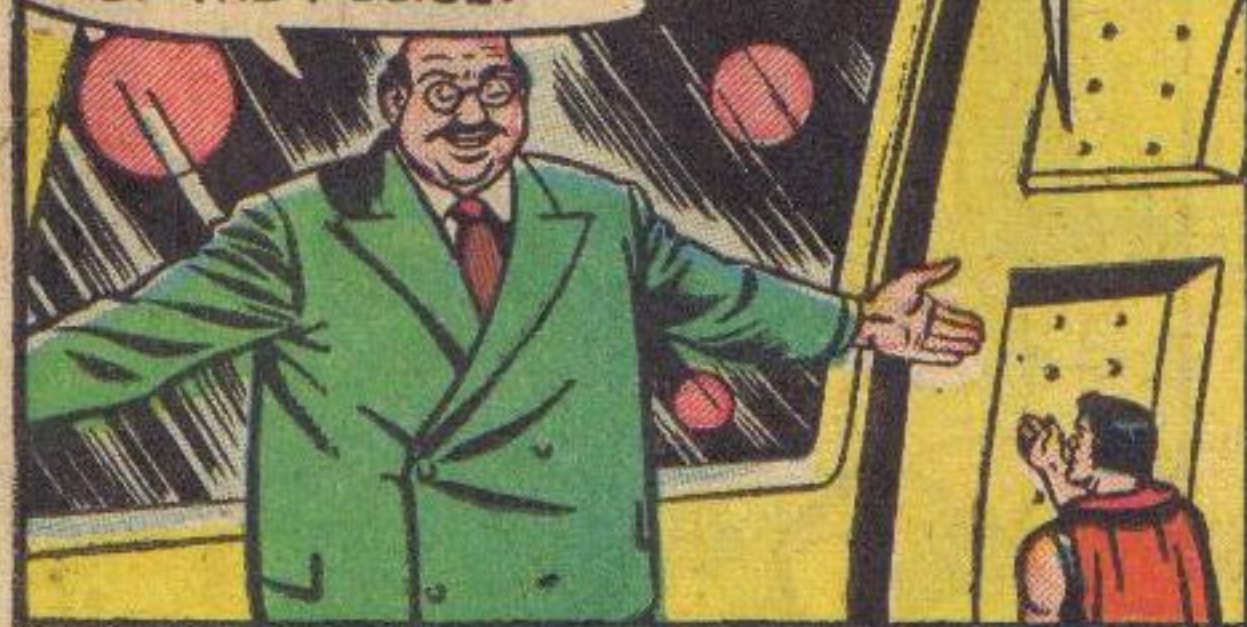


AS YOU KNOW FROM MY WORLD WAR II REPUTATION, I'D BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH PERMANENT MAN-MADE PLANETS OR BASES IN SPACE! A FAMOUS CHICAGO GANG LEADER HAD THE VISION TO SEE ITS POSSIBILITIES AND HE FINANCED THE BUILDING OF ONE!



SO I SET UP A BASE 100 MILES FROM THE EARTH AND PERPETRATED THIS X-T-B-2 HOAX AS MY FIRST MONEY-MAKING STUNT! NOW BANK ROBBERY AND KIDNAPPING WILL TAKE ON NEW DIMENSIONS! HERE INDEED IS A WONDERFUL HIDEOUT, OUT OF THE REACH OF THE POLICE!

HOW COME YOUR SPACE BASE IS NEVER SEEN BY PASSING PLANES?



I'M CONTINUALLY CHANGING ITS POSITION -- BEHIND-CLOUD FORMATIONS, DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF THE SUN, AND SO FORTH -- SO THAT NEITHER EARTH NOR PASSING PLANES CAN SPOT IT! BUT HERE WE ARE -- HOME!





RICK LAZLO!
THE DOPE
CZAR! THE
WORLD'S A
SMALL PLACE
AFTER ALL!

YEAH! AN' YOU SURE TRIED TO KNOCK
ME *OUT* OF IT ENOUGH TIMES,
DOLL MAN! *THIS* TIME THE SHOE'S
ON THE OTHER FOOT! I'M GOIN'
TO KICK YOU *INTO* IT! A DROP
OF A 100 MILES!



YOU'RE NOT GOING TO
KILL ME, TOO, ARE YOU?
PLEASE--MR. LAZLO--I
DON'T CARE WHAT YOU
DO WITH DOLL MAN--
BUT SPARE ME!

WHY NOT? YOU'RE
CUTE, BABY! YOU'RE
WHAT I CALL A
REAL *DOLL*! I NEV-
ER KISSED A DAME
YOUR SIZE BEFORE!
HOW ABOUT A SAMPLE?



WHAT CAN I LOSE? THERE'S
SOME LEAD WAITING
TO KISS YOU!

NO,
DON'T!
GASP!...
Y-YOU'RE
NOT GONNA
SHOOT!

I SURE
WILL!
UNLESS
YOU FREE DOLL
MAN THIS
SECOND!

AS THE THUGS FREEZE IN
SHOCK AND AMAZEMENT, DOLL
MAN SEIZES HIS OPPORTUNITY!



Y!!!

GIVE MY REGARDS
TO BROADWAY!



SAY HELLO TO CALIFORNIA!
FROM THIS HEIGHT, I'M NOT
SURE IN WHICH STATE
YOU WILL LAND!



HMM.. THOSE BUBBLE HELMETS
ARE MADE OF POWERFUL GLASS!
ONE OF THEM WILL COME IN
REAL HANDY AS AN UMBRELLA
AGAINST BULLETS!



DOLL GIRL! QUICK!
HEAD FOR THE
CONTROL TOWER!
THE INSTRUMENTS THAT
REGULATE THE
DESCENT OF THIS
SPACE BASE MUST
BE THERE!

RIGHT!
TAKE THE
FRONT
ENT-
RANCE!
I'LL DO THE
SECOND
STORY WORK!



I-I CAN'T
STOP
HIM!

DISCOURAGING,
ISN'T IT?



I'LL KILL YOU! YOU'VE NO PROTECTION NOW!

GUESS AGAIN! YOU SPACE MONSTERS SHOULD COME EQUIPPED WITH EYES IN BACK OF YOUR HOPHEADS!

NICE WORK, DOLL GIRL! NOW TO PULL OUT THE GADGET THAT MAKES THIS SPACE PLATFORM GO DOWN! --AH! THERE'S THE DEVICE!



MINUTES LATER, AS BORKMANN BURSTS INTO THE ROOM ---

AS I FEARED--WE'RE TOO LATE! THAT INTERFERING IMP HAS JAMMED THE ELEVATOR APPARATUS! NOTHING WILL STOP THE BASE FROM LANDING IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN! TO THE SPACE SHIP, QUICK!



CURSE THE DOLL MAN! IF NOT FOR HIM, THERE WERE A HUNDRED USES TO WHICH I COULD PUT MY SCHEME! STILL, WE DIDN'T COME OUT TOO BADLY WITH 20 MILLIONS IN SILVER AND GOLD! NOT SO FAST, BORKMANN! YOU HAVEN'T GOT IT - YET!



GASP! T-THE DOLL MAN! HE IS HERE!

WE STOWED AWAY IN YOUR PARACHUTES! THAT'S THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING SMALL AND OVERLOOKED, BORKMANN! WE CAN BE A PAIN IN THE NECK!



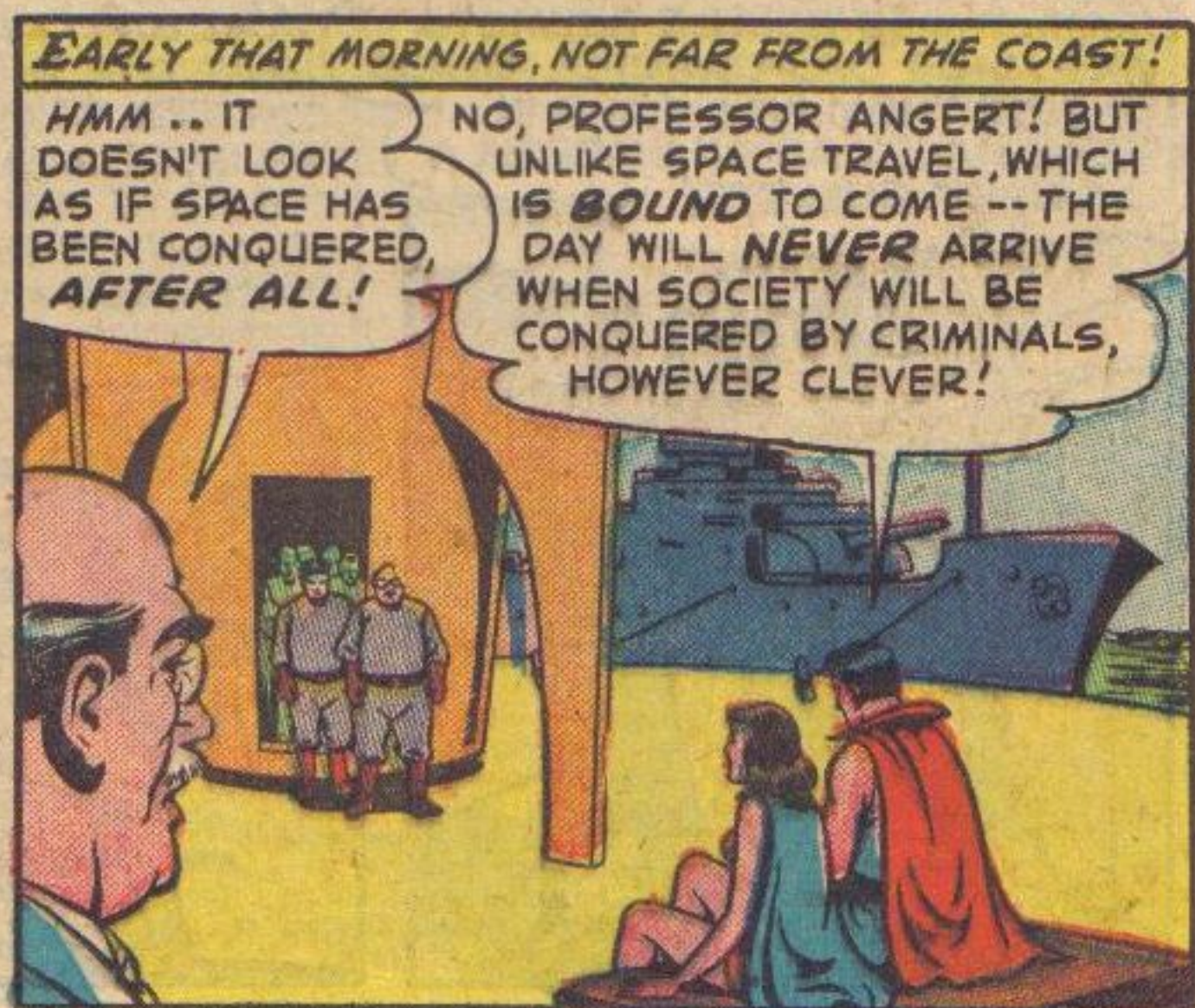
ALSO A PAIN IN THE KNEE AND A BELLY ACHES!

IN SHORT... A PAIN!



OKAY, BOYS! DECIDE! DO WE TURN THIS INTO A JOY RIDE OR A FLYING COFFIN?

DON'T SHOOT! WE SURRENDER!



EARLY THAT MORNING, NOT FAR FROM THE COAST!

HMM.. IT DOESN'T LOOK AS IF SPACE HAS BEEN CONQUERED, AFTER ALL!

NO, PROFESSOR ANGERT! BUT UNLIKE SPACE TRAVEL, WHICH IS BOUND TO COME -- THE DAY WILL NEVER ARRIVE WHEN SOCIETY WILL BE CONQUERED BY CRIMINALS, HOWEVER CLEVER!

THE RESCUE OF A RAT

SILK WARR earned his nickname because he was smooth—with smoothness he had planned the robbery of the Amalgamated Wholesale Jewelry Company, with smoothness he had directed the fierce raid of his three crime associates that netted a whole satchel full of priceless gems. And with smoothness he had managed to slip away from his partners, taking that satchel with him. Jumping into a car, he had taken the sea-shore road out of there. He intended to live a smooth and luxurious life on the profits, with no sharing thereof.

But apparently he had not been smooth enough. Tonight, as he left his hotel, satchel in hand, three figures closed in from three shadowy points on the dim street. His erstwhile partners had come to settle accounts with him.

Silk was brave enough when he had to be. He backed up to a wall, setting himself for defense. They rushed. He struck out with the heavy satchel, staggering one of them. But another dealt him a heavy blow on the head with a blackjack, and he fell to one knee.

"Finish the rat," he heard a harsh voice saying. "Finish him and grab that gripful of gaudies. Leave him so he'll never set anybody after us."

They were seizing him, trying to pull the satchel out of his frantic grip. An arm raised to deal him another blow. Then—

Someone else was rushing into the battle. Another of the gang? No, this dark figure seized the biggest of Silk's assailants, clamped on an arm-lock and whirled the fellow bodily through the air into a crashing fall. The one who was about to slug Silk turned to face this stranger. The stranger ducked the blow of the blackjack, and countered with a short, quick jab that sent the blackjack-wielder floundering in the gutter. The third ran off, yelling.

"Get up," said the stranger quickly. He looked tall and powerfully built. "They'll be after you again, with friends."

Silk was too grateful and relieved to be surprised. He got to his feet, still dragging the precious satchel and followed his rescuer down an alley.

Already the noise of pursuit rose behind them. As the stranger had predicted, Silk's three ex-partners

had help within call. There seemed to be five or six men following them.

"Mister," panted Silk, "I don't know how to thank you—"

"Don't thank me, save your breath," was the stern reply. "Head out along that pier."

They ran along a board-paved expanse, toward the sound of the beating ocean. Back from the alley flashed streaks of flame, and the night was ripped by the sound of gunfire. A bullet sang past Silk's head. The stranger had drawn a gun and was firing in reply.

"There they are!" bawled one of the enemy "I see 'em on that pier. Toss a pineapple!"

Something whizzed in the air and struck the planks at Silk's very feet. Lightning-swift, the stranger stooped, caught up the bomb and hurled it back the way it had come. His other arm seized Silk and hurled him flat. There was a deafening explosion.

"They're charging," whispered the stranger. "Climb down the pile here."

Silk obeyed, but he was hampered by the satchel. Slipping, he splashed in. He could not swim—he sank. But then he was being dragged upward to the surface. The stranger had dived after him.

As their heads rose into the air again, they heard a commotion—shots, a struggle, an official-sounding voice thundering orders. Then quiet, and then departing feet.

"The cops," gurgled Silk. "Those shots brought 'em. My ex-pals are being arrested. Now we can get out."

"Let me help you." Competently the stranger hoisted him back on the pier. Silk set down the satchel.

"Now I can say it," said Silk. "I thank you from the bottom of my heart for rescuing me. They'd have killed me."

"I know," said the other. "And orders from police headquarters were to bring you in alive."

"You're a cop yourself!" cried Silk.

"Sure. Why else did I risk my life to save you?" An iron grip fastened on Silk's wrist. "Pick up that satchel. Bring it along. You've got about ten years of regrets to serve in the penitentiary."

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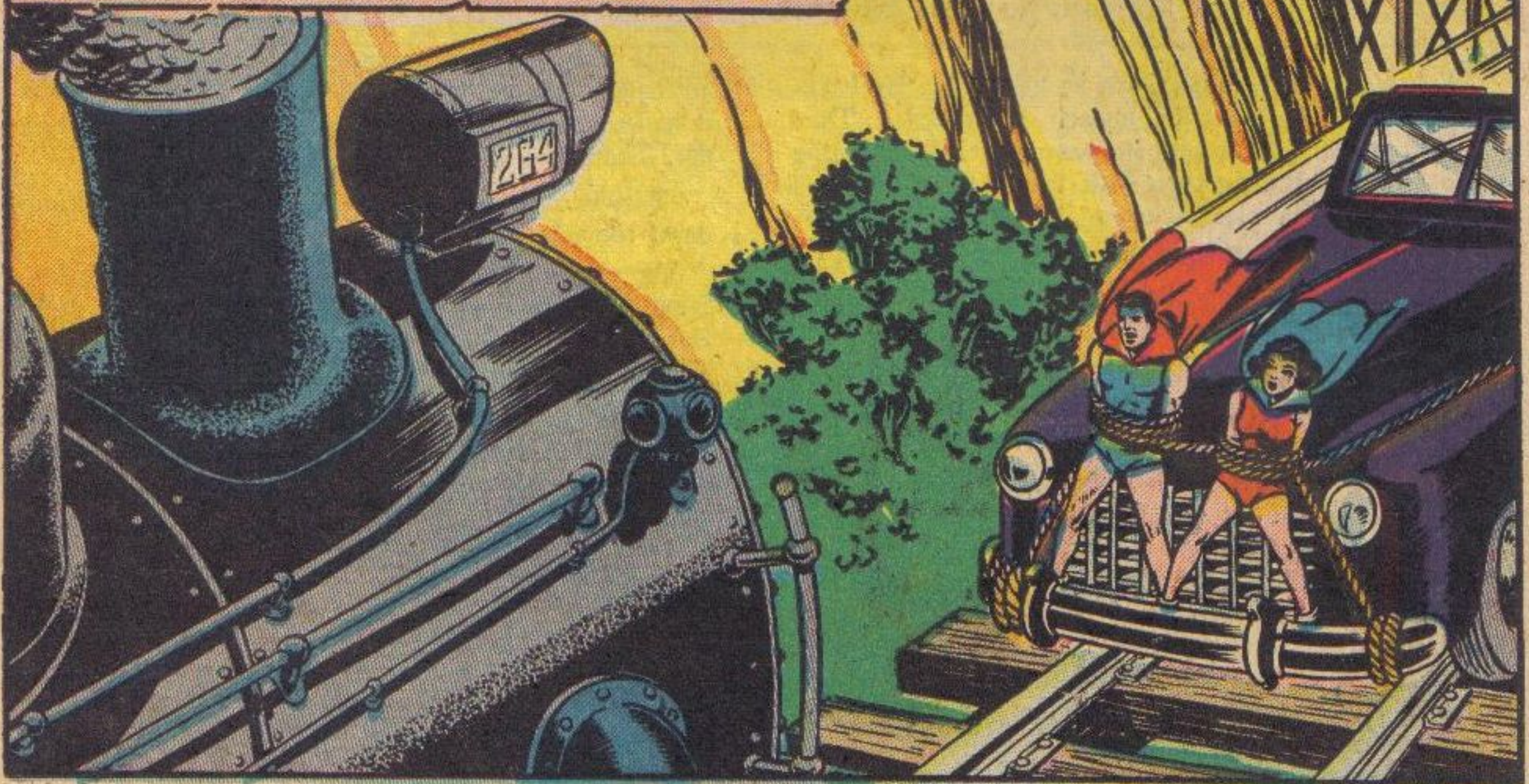
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DOLL MAN

ONLY FIVE MEN IN THE NATION KNEW WHAT WAS INSIDE THE MYSTERIOUS BOX, BEING SHIPPED BY SPECIAL TRAIN ACROSS THE COUNTRY! BUT ONE OF THOSE MEN WAS THE NOTORIOUS EFFED URQUI, RUTHLESS MERCHANT OF MURDER, WHO WOULD STOP AT NOTHING TO ACCOMPLISH TWO GRIM PURPOSES... DESTROY DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL -- AND GET HIS HANDS ON... **The DOOM BOX**



IN THE COLD LIGHT OF DAWN A STRANGE CREW DESCENDS UPON THE LABORATORY WHERE SCIENTIST DARREL DANE AND HIS ASSISTANT, MARTHA ROBERTS, HAVE WORKED THROUGH THE NIGHT!

ALL PACKED AND READY TO GO, MR. LELAND! YOUR MEN CAN TAKE IT AWAY -- AND WELCOME TO IT!

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, DARREL! IT'S A FRIGHTFUL RESPONSIBILITY TO BE THE CREATOR OF ANYTHING SO TERRIBLE!



AT LEAST THE UNITED STATES WILL USE OUR INVENTION TO FREE MEN, NOT ENSLAVE THEM! WILL IT TRAVEL SAFELY, SIR?

ONLY WE THREE AND THE PRESIDENT KNOW WHAT'S IN THAT BOX, DARREL! IT WILL TRAVEL BY SPECIAL TRAIN, GUARDED EVERY MOMENT BY THESE PICKED MEN!



DOLL MAN

SUDDENLY ELMO, THE DOG WITH THE HUMAN BRAIN, DASHES UP WITH A SAVAGE RUMBLE OF WARNING IN HIS THROAT!

ARRHH! GRRR!

YIII! GET THIS BRUTE AWAY FROM ME OR I'LL SHOOT HIM!

DARREL, WHAT ON EARTH'S GOTTEN INTO ELMO? HE SHOULDN'T APPEAR HERE OR ACT THIS WAY!

IT MUST BE A MAD DOG! SHOOT HIM...!

NO! THAT'S DOLL MAN'S DOG AND HE'S TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING! DON'T ANYONE MOVE! I'LL SEE IF DOLL MAN'S HERE WITH THE NEWS!



DASHING BACK INTO THE LABORATORY, DARREL AND MARTHA EXERT THEIR TREMENDOUS WILL POWER TO SHRINK THEIR BODIES TO THE FAMILIAR FIGURES OF DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL!



HURRY, DOLL MAN! ELMO'S ACTIONS CAN ONLY MEAN THAT GUARD IS REALLY AN ENEMY!

THE GUARDS WERE ALL SECURITY CHECKED! THIS ONE MUST HAVE TAKEN THE PLACE OF THE GENUINE GUARD SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE!



GRAB THAT GUARD! WE SENT ELMO AHEAD TO WARN YOU HE'S AN IMPOSTER!

AWRRK! DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL! IF THEY'RE WISE, MY JOB HERE IS ALL WASHED UP!



I WAS TO USE THIS GAS TO SNATCH THE BOX! NOW I'LL USE IT TO GET AWAY! WE HAVE OTHER PLANS THAT WILL WORK!

DUCK LOW, DOLL GIRL THE GAS HASN'T DRIFTED DOWN TO OUR LEVEL YET!



EFFED URQUI'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO... EEEOWW!

COME DOWN TO EARTH! YOU'VE BEEN GOING AROUND WITH YOUR HEAD IN THE CLOUDS!



LET ME CUSHION YOUR FALL!

YOU WANTED TO RUN LIKE A RABBIT! HERE'S A RABBIT PUNCH!



HE'LL TALK WHEN HE WAKES UP! WE'D BETTER CHANGE BACK QUICKLY AND TAKE CARE OF MR. LELAND AND THE GUARDS!

AND ELMO! WITHOUT HIS SIXTH SENSE TO WARN US, WE'D NEVER HAVE KNOWN WHAT WAS UP UNTIL THE BOX WAS STOLEN!



FEW MOMENTS LATER

THE EFFECT OF THE GAS WAS ONLY TEMPORARY! YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW, SIR! DOLL MAN PHONED FOR MORE GUARDS!

THEN WE'LL GO AHEAD WITH SHIPPING THE BOX, DARREL! THANKS TO DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL WE CAN STILL OPERATE ON SCHEDULE!



WITHIN AN HOUR THE SINISTER BOX HAS BEEN SAFELY LOADED ON THE SPECIAL TRAIN FOR SHIPMENT TO ITS DESTINATION!

THE LOADING WENT THROUGH WITHOUT A HITCH, DARREL, AND ELMO MADE NO FUSS ABOUT ANY OTHER GUARDS! MAYBE THE PERIL IS ENDED!

I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE IT, MARTHA, BUT I CAN'T! YOU HEARD THAT TRAITOR MENTION EFFED URQUI'S NAME ...



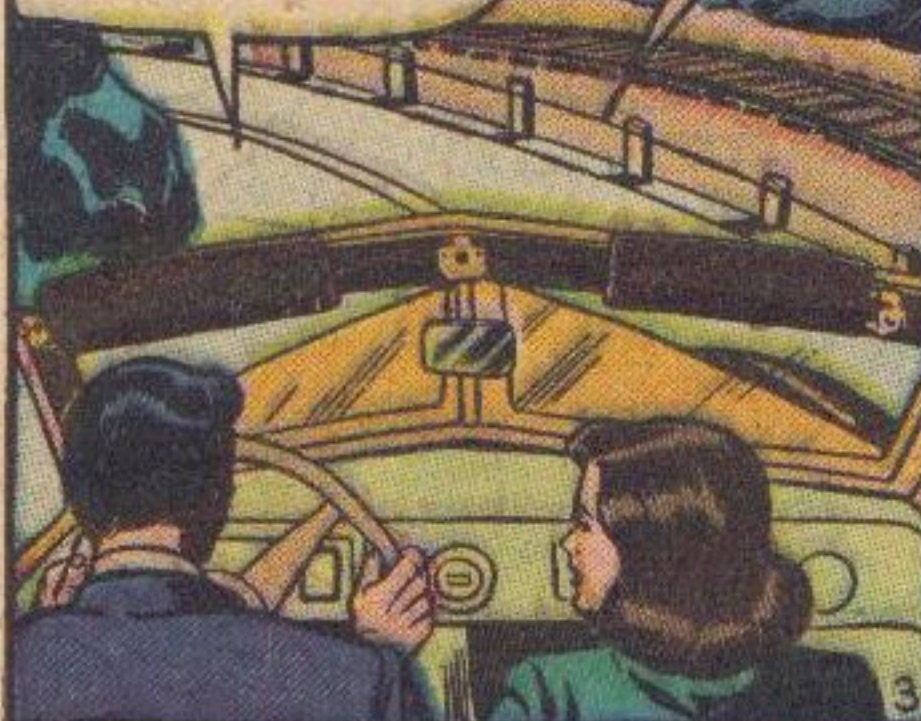
THE DEALER IN INTERNATIONAL SECRETS? I KNOW HE'S DEADLY AND RUTHLESS, BUT WHAT CAN HE DO NOW? HIS SCHEME FAILED!

EFFED URQUI NEVER DEPENDS ON A SINGLE SCHEME! HE'LL HAVE ONE OR MORE ALTERNATE PLANS IN RESERVE! THAT'S WHY HE'S SO DANGEROUS TO WORLD PEACE!



THE DANGER WILL COME ALONG THIS LONELY SPUR TRACK, I'M SURE! AFTER THE TRAIN REACHES THE MAIN LINE, THERE'LL BE LESS CHANCE!

SO FAR IT SEEMS ALL CLEAR!



THE TRACK IS SHIELDED FROM THE ROAD ALONG HERE! LET'S WALK OVER AND MAKE SURE NOTHING IS WRONG!

IT'S THE ONE PLACE A TRAP MIGHT NOT BE SPOTTED IN TIME!



CREEPING QUIETLY THROUGH THE WOODS, DARREL AND MARTHA COME UPON A SCENE OF RUTHLESS DESTRUCTION!

IT'S EFFED URQUI AND HIS MEN, REMOVING THE SPIKES FROM THE RAILS TO WRECK THE TRAIN!

THEN IT'S TIME FOR DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL TO WRECK THE WRECKERS!





HURRY UP -- AND MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE THE RAILS IN PLACE SO THE ENGINEER WON'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG!

ALL DONE, BOSS! I HOPE IT'S A GOOD WRECK, SO THERE WON'T BE ANYBODY LEFT ALIVE TO TRY TO STOP US!



IF YOU LIKE WRECKS I'LL BE GLAD TO MAKE YOU ONE!

YIII-I-I! IT'S THEM DOLL-DEVILS!



EEEEOW! BOSS, HELP US SMASH THESE MANGLING MIDGETS!

SORRY, BUT YOU'RE EXPENDABLE! JUST KEEP THEM OCCUPIED WHILE I GET OUT OF HERE!



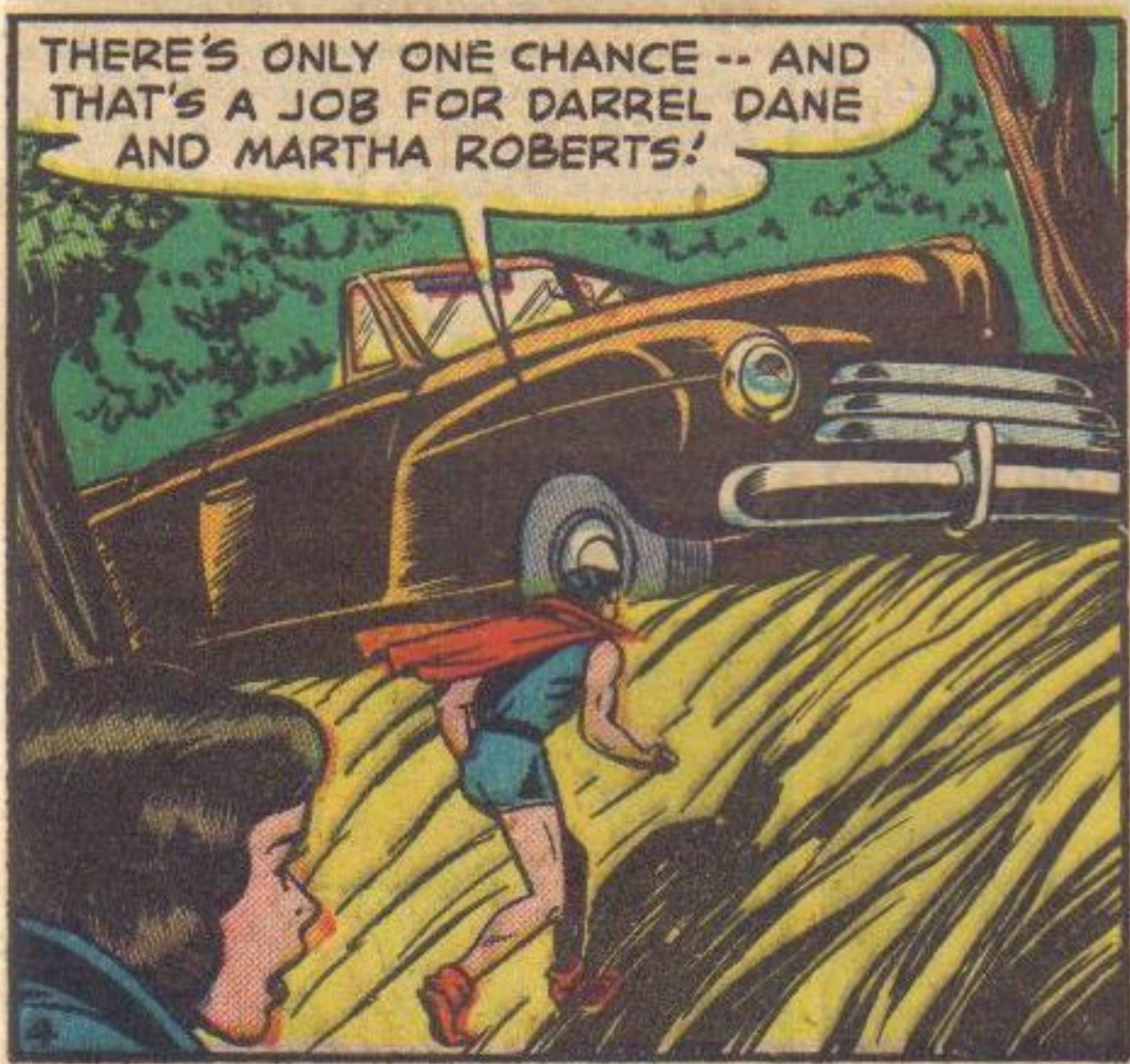
THE HEAD RAT'S TURNED MOUSE! LET'S MOUSE-TRAP HIM!

WAIT DOLL GIRL! THE TRAIN IS COMING!



WHEN THEY ROUND THAT CURVE, IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO STOP BEFORE THEY HIT THE LOOSENED RAILS! THERE'LL BE A BAD WRECK!

BUT WHAT CAN WE DO, DOLL MAN? WE CAN'T REPLACE THE SPIKES IN TIME NOR RUN FAST ENOUGH TO STOP THEM BEYOND THE CURVE!



THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE -- AND THAT'S A JOB FOR DARREL DANE AND MARTHA ROBERTS!

RESUMING THEIR NORMAL FORMS AND IDENTITIES, DARREL AND MARTHA SEND THEIR CAR BUMPING RIGHT UP ONTO THE RAILROAD TRACKS!

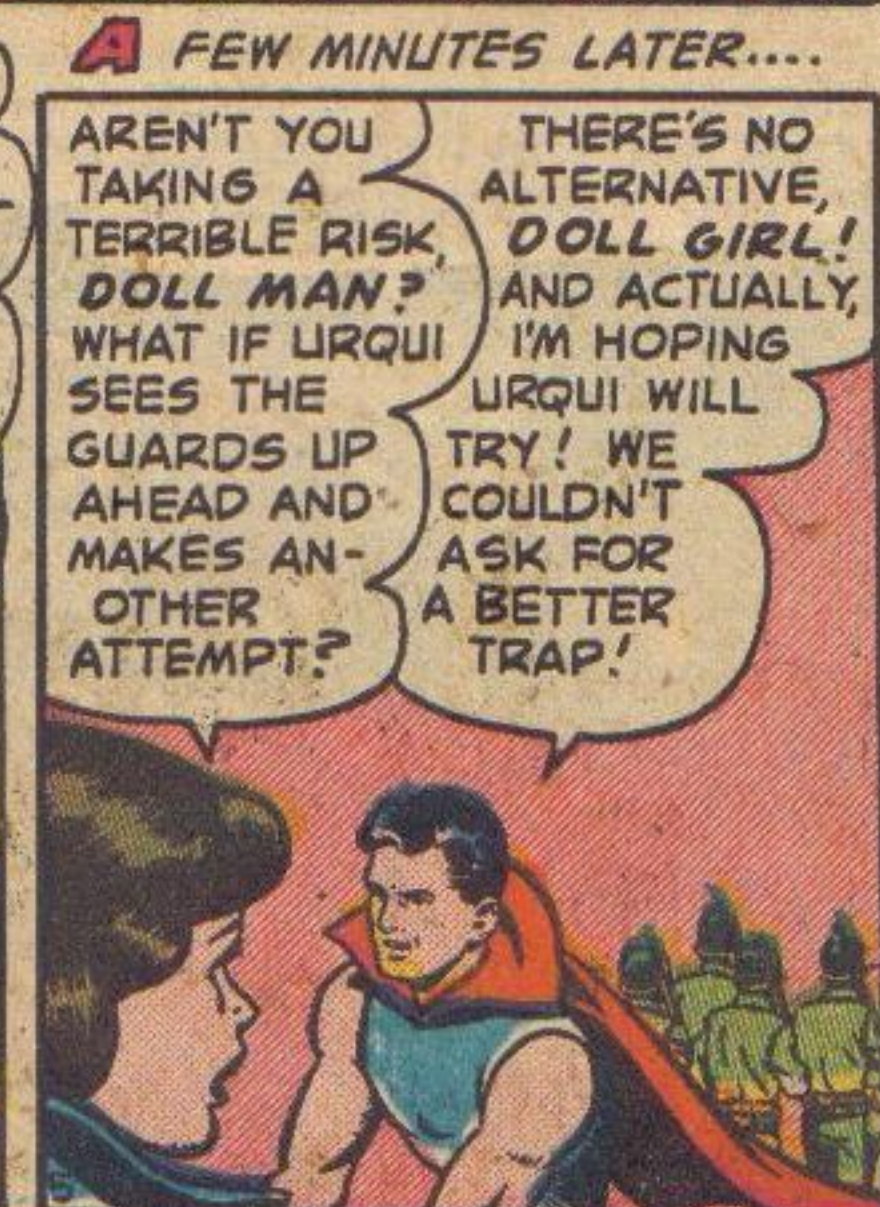


HANG ON! WE'VE GOT TO GET AROUND THE CURVE SO THEY CAN SEE US IN TIME TO STOP THE TRAIN!

C-COMPARED TO TH-THIS, A B-BUCKING BRONCO IS S-SOFT R-RIDING!



AN INSTANT LATER TWO TINY FORMS HURTLE FROM THE DOOMED CAR! THEIR MIGHTY BODIES TAKING THE IMPACT OF LANDING WITH EASE!



AT THAT MOMENT, LESS THAN A MILE AWAY FROM THE STALLED TRAIN



CAN YOU BEAT THAT? THE CHUMPS HAVE LEFT THE TRAIN ALL ALONE FOR US TO ROB!

THEY HAD TO TO REPAIR THE TRACK IN TIME, BELTER! THAT WAS ONE REASON I WASN'T TOO DISTURBED BY THE FAILURE OF OUR OTHER PLAN!



WE'LL DIVIDE INTO TWO GROUPS! I'LL LEAD ONE TO SEIZE THE BOX! THE REST WILL HIDE AS RESERVES IN CASE OF TROUBLE!

THAT'S SMART! IF ANYBODY JUMPS US, THEY'LL GET A HOT SURPRISE FROM BEHIND!



NOT A GUARD IN SIGHT! I DON'T LIKE THIS EFFED URQUI! IT COULD BE A TRAP!

NONSENSE! I KNOW EXACTLY HOW MANY GUARDS THEY HAD-- AND EVERY ONE IS WORKING FURIOUSLY TO FIX THE TRACK IN TIME!



THAT DOES IT! SLIDE THE DOOR OPEN!

GRAB THAT BOX AND CLEAR OUT! WE CAN BE MILES AWAY BEFORE THEY MISS IT!



THERE IT IS!-- A MILLION DOLLARS IN COLD CASH FROM THE DICTATOR WHO HIRED US TO STEAL IT!

YIIKE! WE'VE BEEN TRICKED! THIS BOX IS EMPTY!



WE RESENT THAT!

AS FAR AS WE'RE CONCERNED, IT'S FULL-- OF TROUBLE!

AGHH!



HERE'S YOUR SHARE!

SMASH THEM! KILL THEM! CUT LOOSE WITH THOSE GUNS!

DOLL MAN



NOW, NOW, LET'S NOT CREATE A DISTURBANCE!

GNNNNNG!



YOU'VE HEARD OF THE WAGES OF SIN? HERE'S YOUR FIRST PAYCHECK!

I GOT HIM!

YOUR SLUGS AREN'T ACCURATE!



TRY ONE OF MINE!

THAT'S THE LAST ONE, DOLL MAN! WE CAN LOCK THEM IN HERE AND LEAVE THEM FOR THE POLICE!

BUT A MOMENT LATER...



I TOLD YOU THE BOSS WAS IN TROUBLE! IT'S DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL! MOW 'EM DOWN!

WOW! URQUI LEFT RESERVES AND THOSE SHOTS DREW THEM! TO THE ENGINE, QUICK!



THEY'RE TOO LITTLE AND FAST TO GET A BEAD ON! CLOSE IN!

STEP RIGHT UP, GENTS! OUR SPECIAL DISH FOR TODAY IS...

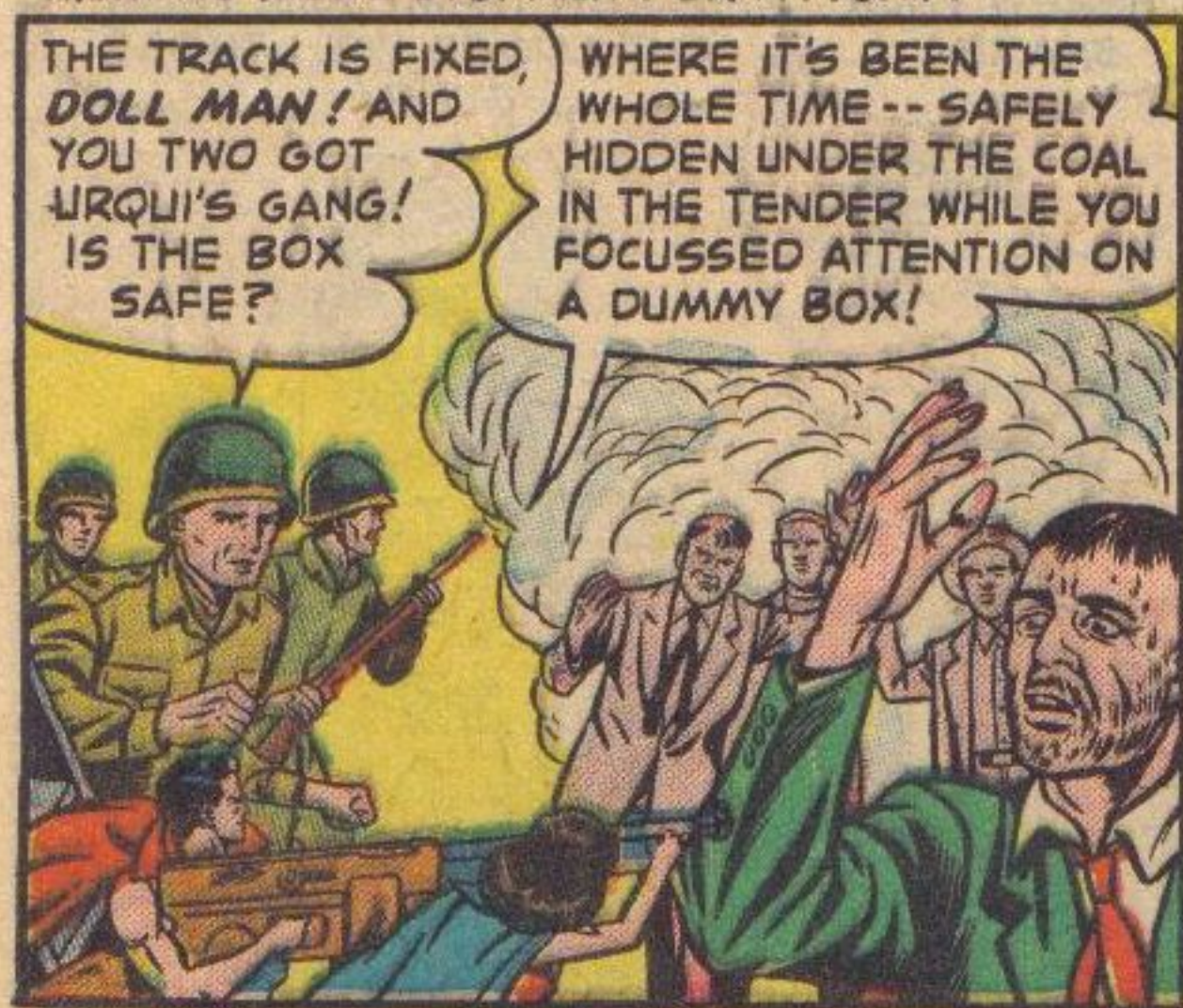
WITH A ROAR, A JET OF SUPER-HEATED STEAM THUNDERS FROM THE VENTS AS DOLL MAN RELEASED THE BOILER PRESSURE VALVE!



...STEAMED RATS!

LUCKY THIS WAS A STEAM LOCOMOTIVE INSTEAD OF A DEISEL!

BLINDED AND CHOKED BY HOT STEAM, THE THUGS HAVE NO MORE STOMACH FOR A FIGHT!



THE TRACK IS FIXED, DOLL MAN! AND YOU TWO GOT URQUI'S GANG! IS THE BOX SAFE?

WHERE IT'S BEEN THE WHOLE TIME -- SAFELY HIDDEN UNDER THE COAL IN THE TENDER WHILE YOU FOCUSED ATTENTION ON A DUMMY BOX!



GREAT WORK, YOU TWO! I WONDER WHAT IS INSIDE THE BOX?

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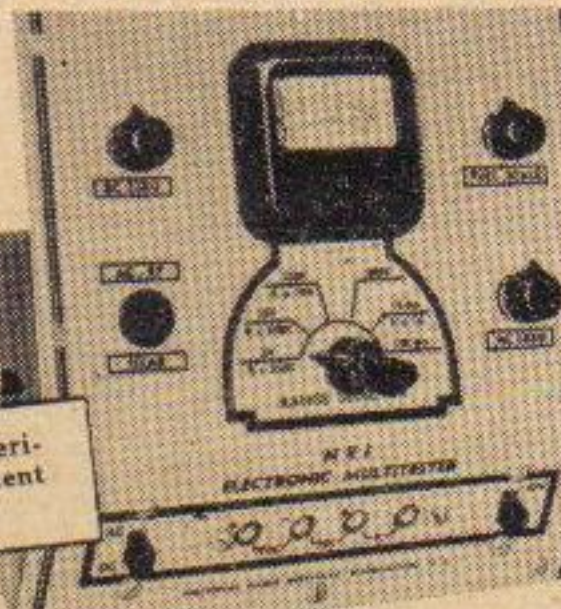


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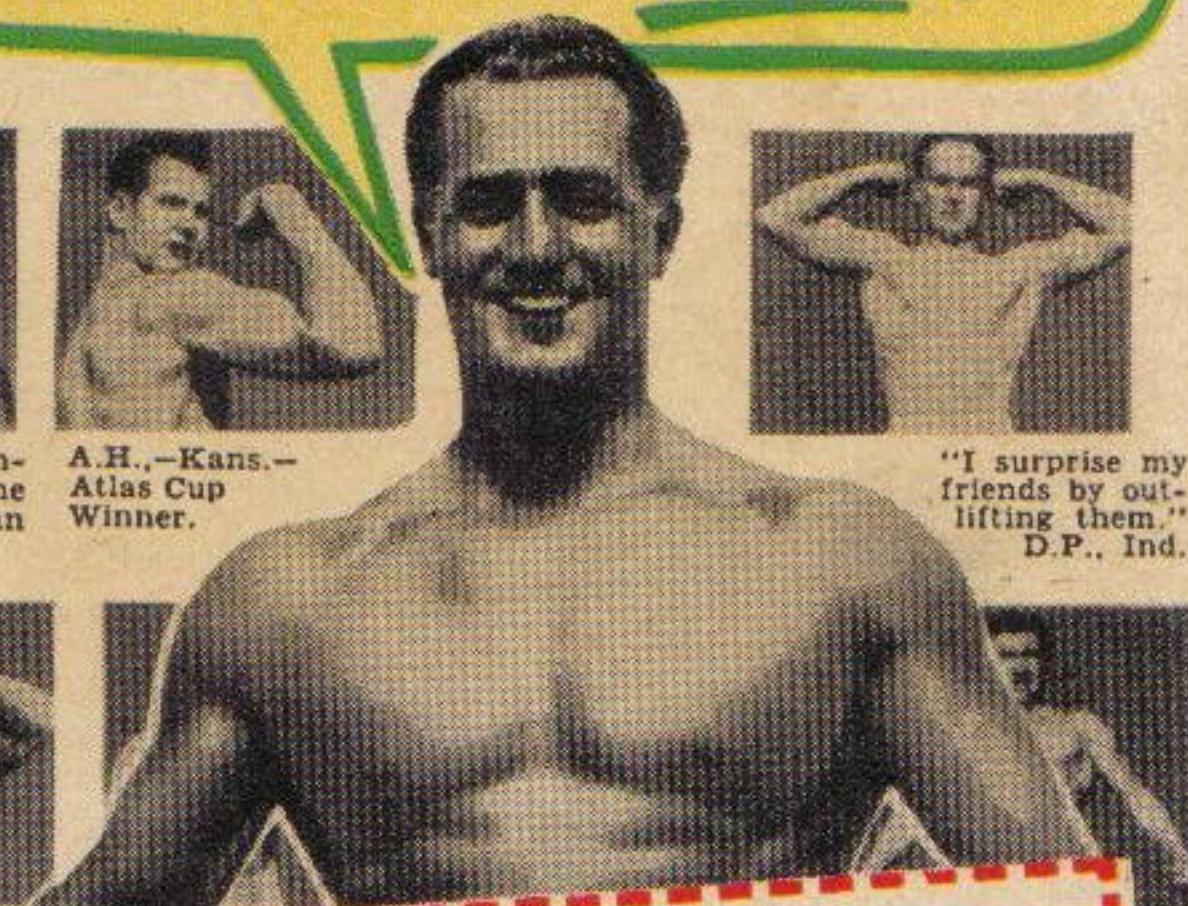
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